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NEWSLINES

USAARL WORKING GROUP

U.S. Army Aeromedical Research Laboratories hosted a NATO working group on patient evacuation. Panel members discussed the issues with using Unmanned Aircraft Systems to transport wounded servicemembers.
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BLACK HISTORY MONTH

Black History Month events kicked off with food and entertainment Friday at the Fort Rucker Post Exchange.
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AUTOMOTIVE SKILLS

The Fort Rucker Automotive Skills Center can help Soldiers and Families save money on car maintenance and repairs.
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NATIONAL PRAYER BREAKFAST

The National Prayer Breakfast is today from 6:30 to 8 a.m., at The Landing. This event is open to the public. For more information, call 255-2989 or 255-2012.

BLOOD DRIVE

A blood drive, hosted by 1st Battalion, 13th Aviation Regiment is Feb. 25 from 2-8 p.m. at the Fortenberry-Colton Physical Fitness Facility, Bldg. 5900. Blood donations support injured Soldiers in Iraq and Afghanistan; active duty Soldiers and Family members; and the Lyster Army Health Clinic. For more information, call 255-7557 or 255-1333.

SURVIVAL SWIMMERS

Wiregrass Aquatics Swim Club staff and parents host "Survival Swimmers," Feb. 22 from 6 to 8 p.m. at Fort Rucker's Splash! Pool. WAC members are children ages elementary school through high school from Fort Rucker, Enterprise and the surrounding communities. Anyone interested in sponsoring a club member to swim two hours or 200 laps, whichever comes first, may contact Keeley Garcia at 334-494-6857.
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Low **28**
Partly cloudy

FRIDAY
High **53**
Low **27**
Sunny

SATURDAY
High **56**
Low **29**
Sunny

Aim point: Future

Aviation Senior Leaders Conference looks at 2011, beyond

BY KYLE FORD
Army Flier Editor

More than 200 leaders in the Army Aviation Branch descended upon Fort Rucker Jan. 31-Feb. 3 to guide the future of Aviation for 2011 and beyond.

Maj. Gen. Anthony G. Crutchfield, U.S. Army Aviation Center of Excellence and Fort Rucker commanding general, hosted the Aviation Senior Leaders Conference 2011, attended by Aviation leaders and warfighters, Brigade Combat Team commanders, and other Army Center of Excellence leaders, Army staff and National Guard and Reserve leaders, along with

acquisition and concept developers and program managers.

Crutchfield began the conference with a short video and the question, "What about the future security environment?" He asked that everyone attending the conference to keep that question in mind as they work through the sessions.

He encouraged the leaders to take a long view of the future of Army Aviation. "Our enemy is adaptive," Crutchfield said. "So are we. Our enemy is resilient. So are we. Our enemy is committed. So are we ... today."

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PHOTO BY JIM HUGHES

U.S. Army Aviation Center of Excellence Command Sgt. Maj. Tod Glidewell answers a question from an attendee of the Aviation Senior Leaders Conference 2011 at the Seneff Building Feb. 1 as Col. William Morris, director of Army Aviation at the Office of the Deputy Chief of Staff (G3/5/7), and Lt. Col. Charles Dalcourt Army Human Resources Command, watch on.



PHOTO BY JANE ARMSTRONG

Maj. Gen. Anthony G. Crutchfield, commanding general of the U.S. Army Aviation Center of Excellence and Fort Rucker, gets his new rank pinned on by his father-in-law, Donald Adkins, and his mentor, retired Lt. Gen. Thomas Metz, during a Feb. 3 ceremony at the U.S. Army Aviation Museum on the post.

USAACE commanding general receives 2nd star

BY JIM HUGHES
Command Information Officer

The U.S. Army Aviation Center of Excellence and Fort Rucker commanding general received his second star Feb. 3 during a ceremony at the U.S. Army Aviation

Museum.

Hundreds of Soldiers, Army Aviation leaders, civilian employees, Family members and local officials honored Maj. Gen. Anthony G. Crutchfield and his accomplishment.

Crutchfield's wife, Kim, and

brother, Sgt. 1st Class Todd Crutchfield, stood with the general as retired Army Lt. Gen. Thomas Metz, a former mentor of Crutchfield's, and Donald Adkins, Crutchfield's father-in-law, pinned the new rank on the general.

After putting on the new rank, Crutchfield thanked his former military mentors, his fellow Soldiers, local civilian leaders and his family.

"All I ever wanted to be was

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Branch leader conducts 1st post run in a decade



PHOTO BY RUSSELL SELLERS

Maj. Gen. Anthony G. Crutchfield encourages his Soldiers before leading the post run Feb. 2.

BY RUSSELL SELLERS
Army Flier Staff Writer

Every brigade, battalion, regiment and company on Fort Rucker formed up Feb. 2 to complete the first Post Run in nearly a decade.

U.S. Army Aviation Center of Excellence and Fort Rucker commanding general Maj. Gen. Anthony G. Crutchfield walked among the Soldiers, encouraged them to lead by example and to make the Aviation Branch the very best it could be.

The sun had not yet broken through the trees as the cold morning air pushed its way between the Soldiers and Crutchfield walked to the front of the leading unit and yelled "Let's lead the Branch!" He then began the brisk run in front of the Headquarters Building.

"We've got to lead this Branch right now,"

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Can I hear a ‘Hooah?’

BY KAREN PARRISH
American Forces Press Service

WASHINGTON — The 2011 Military Health System Conference opened Jan. 24 at a very snazzy hotel in National Harbor, Md.

Thousands of trim, uniformed health care professionals — some in navy, some in camouflage, some people in khaki, some in civvies, all with tidy hair — milled around in an orderly way before settling into a huge room where the opening session would take place.

It was a decorous opening session — good speakers, touches of humor, some serious talk about the serious issues military medical practitioners grapple with these days.

The program guide outlined what the conference offered in learning opportunities. Breakout sessions actually were good for continuing education credit. But then again, the sessions featured topics such as “New Emerging Technology Clinical Trials Participation — Policy and Processes.”

So the opening session was rolling right along. Then somebody — you’ll find out who — played a video.

An Army video.

The “Army Strong” video, to be exact.

The text that appears in the “Army Strong” video — yellow on black, all caps, at a slow, one-line-at-a-time pace — follows. If you watch this on the Web, you’ll swear you hear James Earl Jones in your head as you read, but there is no actual voice in the video.

Webster defines strong as having great physical power, as having moral or intellectual power, as striking or superior of its kind. But with all due respect to Webster, there’s strong, and then there’s Army strong. It is a strength like none other. It is a physical strength. It is an emotional strength. It is a strength of character. The strength to do good today, And the strength to do well tomorrow. The strength to obey, and strength to command. The strength to build, and strength to tear down. The strength to get yourself over, and the strength to get over yourself. There is nothing on this green Earth that is stronger than the U.S. Army. Because there is nothing on this green Earth that is stronger than a U.S. Army Soldier.

Strong. Army Strong.

The video took that opening session straight out of decorous territory for a few minutes.

Those words, over what my broadcaster friends call a “music bed” both stately and stirring, alternated with photographs of men and women, young adults and 50-somethings, marching, running, parachuting, climbing, shooting, walking with children in other nations, holding their own children — typical Soldiers doing typical Soldier things, in other words. Plus images of tanks, helicopters and so on. It was powerful.

It wasn’t decorous.

It got me thinking about the nature of Soldiers, and of military people in general. They’re disciplined and professional. Military bearing is something on which



Lt. Gen. (Dr.) Eric B. Schoomaker

members of all the services justly pride themselves. The medical audience yesterday certainly had it, but so has every other military group I’ve ever seen standing in formation, firing at a range or attending a seminar.

It was what Army Staff Sgt. Salvatore Giunta’s composed, expressionless face and straight stance displayed as President Barack Obama hung the Medal of Honor around the young Soldier’s neck.

Military people know decorum.

Another side of the military nature is harder to pin down. Navy Adm. Mike Mullen, chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, did the best job I’ve ever seen in a piece he wrote a few years back. It was called “What I Have Learned About the Army,” but the chairman zeroed in on “Hooah.”

“There are 1,000 or 10,000 or 100,000 different ways to say ‘Hooah,’” the admiral wrote. “But I learned that it is more than just a battle cry; it is a way of life. It says that you will never quit, never surrender, never leave your buddy. It says that you are proud of the hardships you have endured because there is deep meaning in every one of them.”

The chairman, of course, is exactly right. But there’s another aspect to “Hooah” too, I think. At the bottom of every Soldier is the original hopeful, scared, determined, young or not-so-young civilian who raised his hand, or her hand, and swore to protect and defend. “Hooah” comes from both the overlying warrior and the underlying person. It comes from the hybrid creature called a Soldier, who has an impassive military bearing and a compassionate human heart.

In a sense, the conference’s medical audience was the perfect example of this psychological mash-up. Soldiers, sailors, airmen, Marines — heroes, warriors, healers.

So yesterday, as the three-minute “Army Strong” video ended, I was delighted, but not surprised, to hear more than one full-throated “Hooah!” issued from the audience.

I don’t think the Soldier responsible for playing it — Lt. Gen. (Dr.) Eric B. Schoomaker, Army surgeon general and commander of U.S. Army Medical Command — was sur-

prised either.

“Isn’t this Army Strong video compelling?” he asked. In response: tremendous applause and a fainter “Hooah, Hooah” from the crowd.

He knew when he learned he would be speaking at the conference, Schoomaker said, that he wanted to open with that video.

These generals and admirals, they’re pretty sharp.

It wasn’t hard to work it in, he said, because he was asked to speak about how Army medicine supports strength and resilience among warriors and families.

Schoomaker made it clear that he respects all the services and all who wear the uniform. He speaks particularly of the Army, he said, because he’s a Soldier.

“Let there be no doubt, the root of our readiness lies in the strength and resilience of this Army, and military Families,” Schoomaker said. “And so it all starts with what it means to be Army strong.”

During the same opening session, Deborah Mullen, the chairman’s wife, spoke of the military families she talks to regularly around the world, and the physical and psychological toll nearly 10 years of combat have taken on uniformed men and women, their spouses and their children.



“Not unlike our troops, our Families experience the same depression, anxiety, sleeplessness and headaches,” she said. “They break into cold sweats, lose concentration, suffer panic attacks and come to dread contact with the outside world.”

Even the strongest need support.

A few hours after Schoomaker spoke, not too far away, the president announced a plan bringing in agencies across the government to strengthen military Family support.


As my colleague Elaine Wilson reported, the president said, “Today, I’m proud to announce that for the first time ever, supporting the well-being of our military families will be a priority not just for the Department of Defense and the Department of Veterans Affairs, but all across the federal government.”

Hooah.




Rotor Wash

“What can you do to prevent crime in your neighborhood?”




Staff Sgt. Allison Allen,
B Co., 1st Bn., 13th Avn. Regt.

“I believe initiating a neighborhood watch program could help decrease crime issues in neighborhoods.”




Capt. Neapolian Brooks,
B Co., 1st Bn., 13th Avn. Regt.

“When leaving your home do a 180. Be aware of your surroundings. Everyone should work to help promote safety and prevent crime in their neighborhood.”




Pfc. Kristen Eno,
B Co., 1st Bn., 13th Avn. Regt.

“Always pay close attention to your surroundings. If you notice something out of the ordinary, notify the authorities. Always be aware.”



Triana Delamo,
military spouse

“Keep household doors and windows locked to prevent crime in your neighborhoods. Also be sure to keep your car doors locked.”



Sgt. Alper Oztruk,
A Co., 1st Bn., 13th Avn. Regt.

“I believe you can help prevent crime in your neighborhoods by reporting any suspicious activity.”

WOSC Graduation

Graduates honor fallen comrade with donation

BY JIM HUGHES
Command Information Officer

With almost 3,000 combined years of service, 118 senior warrant officers from 11 different Army branches graduated from two concurrent classes of the Warrant Officer Staff Course at the Seneff Building Friday.

Classes 11-03 and 11-04 made the graduation ceremony even more special by donating more than \$2,200 to the No Greater Sacrifice charity in honor of a recently-fallen comrade who died in a helicopter crash Dec. 20, said CW5 Michael Nysewander, WOSC course director.

“CW4 Hector Ramirez was a recent WOSC graduate who was killed in an aircraft accident only three days after completing WOSC 11-02 and leaving Fort Rucker,” he said.

During the course, each class is expected to give back to the community, said CW5 Tony Quiñones, Warrant Officer Senior Staff Course course director.

“A person who knew Ramirez let the class know what happened to him, and asked if the class could do something for Hector and his family — that was all that needed to be said,” he said. “I had known about NGS since its inception since I had previously flown with one of its founders. The class decided this was the way to give back.”

NGS’s executive director, Rebekah Lovorn attended the graduation and accepted the check from the two classes. She said NGS is designed to help the Families of fallen and wounded servicemembers by helping to fund post-high school education.

“The contribution today really is heartwarming because our focus is not to ask the military for support on top of what they already do supporting our freedom,” Lovorn said. “It’s really designed for those who haven’t put on the uniform to contribute.



PHOTO BY JIM HUGHES

Maj. Gen. Anthony G. Crutchfield speaks to Warrant Officer Staff Course graduates during a graduation ceremony Friday.

“So, when I see the military continuing to give, it is awe-inspiring — it made me feel guilty to accept the check,” she added. “We’re continuously looking for advocates to spread the word about our organization. There are people out there willing to support military Families — and we want the Families to know we’re there.”

Class 11-04 leader CW5 Jeremy Fryer, who is heading for an assignment with the U.S. Army Forces Command G3, said supporting NGS was an easy decision.

“In Army Aviation, there isn’t anyone who hasn’t lost at least one friend,” he said. “I’ve lost count — it happens in Aviation. We felt this was the best way to support the cause. I love the idea of NGS and the way it supports the Families of our fallen comrades.”

Also during the graduation, Maj. Gen. Anthony G. Crutch-

field, commanding general of the U.S. Army Aviation Center of Excellence and Fort Rucker, served as guest speaker.

The general spoke to the graduates about leadership, and urged them to take a look at his commander’s intent — adding that it could be applied to leadership strategies across all Army branches.

“One thing it says in my intent is we have to lead Soldiers and Families through professional leadership and maintain total commitment. It’s not today’s commitment I’m referring to — it’s tomorrow’s commitment. The fight isn’t over — the next few years will be the hard part,” he said. “We’re asking for a lot from our Soldiers and Families.

“You’ll be able to take back what you’ve learned here and use it to make you a better leader — a better person to lead the Army for the next few

years,” Crutchfield said. “It’s important to our Army, whatever branch you’re in — we’ve got to make sure that we maintain the commitment, the discipline and the standards.”

He went on to talk about standards.

“No matter where you are, what environment you’re in, you are a leader — never forget that,” the general said. “When you walk by a Solider doing something not in standards and you don’t say anything, what have you done? You’ve created a new standard.”

He added that warrant officers played a key role in his development as an officer.

“Have you ever thought that the person you’re developing today could be your branch chief of tomorrow?” he asked. “That’s how important it is. I was mentored by exceptional warrant officers or I would not be here today. They did it with

flair. They didn’t say, ‘Lieutenant Crutchfield, you’re an idiot.’

“It’s almost like a child on training wheels learning to ride a bike,” Crutchfield added. “You take the training wheels off, but you’re following closely. They think they’re riding the bike — and you let go every once in awhile, but when they get wobbly, you grab that seat.

“That’s what warrant officers did for me,” he said. “They let me lead, but they were standing right there, hand on my shoulder, making sure I did not fail.”

Message well received, Fryer said.

“He’s an excellent speaker and the basis for his speech was right on target,” he said. “We’re all leaders even though we may not be in charge of someone. Just because I’m not in charge of anyone doesn’t mean I can’t improve myself and improve someone around me.”

USAARL hosts international meeting

BY DR. LORAINÉ PARISH ST. ONGE,
U.S. Army Aeromedical Research Laboratory

The U.S. Army Aeromedical Research Laboratory here, hosted the NATO RTO RTG-184 “Safe Ride Standards for Patient Evacuation using Unmanned Aerial Vehicles” Working Group meeting on 24-28 January 2011.

Military officers and dignitaries from organizations representing the U.S. Army, Navy, Air Force, and Air Force Special Operations Command, British Royal Air Force and

Israeli Defense Force participated in the meeting at the invitation of Col. Joe McKeon, USAARL commander, and John Ramiccio, USAARL’s Flight Systems Branch chief and NATO Working Group member. Unmanned Aircraft Systems industry leaders also attended.

Since the 1920s, aeromedical evacuation has been conducted on-board fixed and rotary wing aircraft. The gravitational forces (G-forces) experienced by injured patients on-board the aircraft are within human tolerance

limits because the forces are controlled by on-board pilots. Unmanned Aircraft Systems can pull G-forces far greater than traditional medical evacuation aircraft. In order for UAS to be used for far-forward medical evacuation, safe ride standards for injured patients are critical to UAS developers who need to ensure their airframes are suitable for medical evacuation.

Retired Brig. Gen. (German Air Force) Dr. Erich Roedig, M.D., C.E.S., former Surgeon General of the German Air Force and

chairman of the NATO working group, opened by thanking USAARL for hosting the meeting.

“Fort Rucker is a nice place to visit, not only because it’s sweet home Alabama but also because it’s the well-known and respected home of Army Aviation,” he said.

“I am privileged and quite proud to chair this panel of Aviation, medical transport, and UAS experts,” Roedig said. “We have hard work in front of us. I hope this meeting will bring us a huge step forward in

our work so that a year from now we will have reached our goal of developing safe ride standards for wounded warriors being transported on-board UAS.”

According to the NATO Technical Activity Proposal, the agenda included topics such as: the development and flight characteristics of UAS; the control mechanisms (remotely piloted vs. on-board programming) for UAS; the use of UAS for casualty evacuation; the G-tolerance and rate-of-onset tolerance of

patients with differing medical conditions; and in-flight medical monitoring.

Col. Robert Mitchell, director of the U.S. Army Medical Evacuation Propensity, pointed out that while UAS are not part of current U.S. Army medical evacuation doctrine, “we continue to move forward with research and technology demonstrations because what we are doing here is for the user, our Joint Coalition and NATO forces. Our work will ultimately benefit the warfighter.”

Army Enterprise e-mail migration begins February

BY SIOBHAN CARLILE
7th Signal Command Public Affairs

Feeling slightly intimidated by all the high tech terminology surrounding the imminent Enterprise E-mail migration?

Although the road toward Enterprise e-mail may seem complicated, there is a clear map, leaders know where the effort is headed, and the economy-sized e-mail box Soldiers have now is about to become a luxury sedan, about 40 times bigger.

There is more great news. Soldiers moving to a new assignment will be able to turn on their computers and instantly access their e-mail. While this may sounds too good to be true, by the end of this year it will be reality for Army personnel.

During 2011, all Army e-mail users will migrate to Enterprise e-mail service. Instead of accessing e-mail through local e-mail servers at each installation, they will reach through the network to access e-mail services from centralized servers known as the Department of Defense cloud. The migration of e-mail services to the Defense Information Sys-

tems Agency is part of a larger DoD effort to consolidate information technology services, improve capabilities, and reduce overall costs.

The migration to this new capability begins in mid-February 2011 with an initial “fielding” to about 2,000 selected e-mail users, according to Brig. Gen. LaWarren Patterson, commanding general, 7th Signal Command (Theater).

“This first step will allow the Army to refine the migration process and ensure a smooth transition. It will provide a validation of migration techniques, e-mail functionality and system management procedures,” Patterson said.

Immediately following successful migration of this first wave of users, HQDA staff are scheduled to begin migration in March. The rest of the Army will begin migration immediately thereafter, with the migrations completed Army wide by the end of December 2011, according to Patterson.

As migration dates draw near, affected personnel are being notified with e-mails explaining the steps they need to take before their e-mail accounts are migrated.

“Users will have all of the assistance they need before, during and after the migration,” Patterson said.

In preparation for migration, all users can perform some simple maintenance tasks that will help the transition go smoothly according to Herman Wells, Enterprise Services director, 7th Signal Command (Theater).

“Clean up your mailbox as much as possible. The smaller the mailbox, the smoother the migration. Delete messages and calendar items that are no longer necessary to keep. Minimize network-stored personal folder files. There’s nothing that stops a user from creating a local PST and moving the PST back into the online mailbox after migration,” he said.

“During the preparation period prior to migration, NECs and transition teams will provide detailed information on exporting and importing contacts,” he added.

Blackberry users must ensure it’s turned on the night prior, and in a spot with a strong signal. If it loses signal and is not communicating with the Blackberry Exchange Server properly, the de-

vice will have to be adjusted manually the following day, according to Wells.

“Enterprise e-mail is a significant step in DoD’s goal to centralize services across the force, provide users with greater functionality, reduce costs, and facilitate greater collaboration,” said Thomas Barrett, Fort Rucker Network Enterprise Center director. “This initiative does not come without some growing pains. Preparation and communication at all levels is essential to ensure this initiative is a success.”

One way to find answers to common questions about Enterprise e-mail is through the 7th Signal Command Enterprise e-mail Frequently Asked Questions website at <https://www.us.army.mil/suite/page/646647>.

To post your own questions and participate in an interactive discussion, go to the Enterprise e-mail Discussion Forum on MilBook at <https://www.kc.army.mil/book/thread/7900>.

For more in-depth engineering and project information, visit the Enterprise e-mail Project Documents Website at https://www.intelink.gov/wiki/Army_Enterprise_Email.

Leaders set course for Aviation future



PHOTO BY CARLTON WALLACE

Maj. Gen. Anthony G. Crutchfield encourages various units to push forward during the installation's Post Run Feb. 2 in front of the Headquarters Building. It was the first time in almost a decade a post run had been organized here.

AAAA presents awards during conference

BY RUSSELL SELLERS
Army Flier Staff Writer

Aviators from around the Army received awards from the Army Aviation Association of America during the annual AAAA Awards Presentation Feb. 1 at The Landing.

The ceremony ran in conjunction with the Aviation Senior Leaders Conference dinner. The awards were presented after a series of toasts to those serving in the armed forces and those who have served the nation, and a short meal.

Brig. Gen. Raymond P. Palumbo, U.S. Army Alaska and Fort Richardson commanding general and event guest speaker, said Army Aviation is the "pacing Branch of land operations."

"If you're a ground commander today, how much does operational risk go up if you don't have Aviation?" he asked the attendees. "We have come to depend on Aviation no matter what side of the house we're on."

Palumbo continued by complimenting the Aviation Branch on its commitment to continuing the education of its Soldiers.

"Army Aviation is absolutely getting it right," he said. "We never stop educating. Not only is our system working, it's recognized by our most senior leadership. That has to be good for our Army."

AAAA Air Traffic Control Awards

- Air Traffic Control Unit of the Year: F Company, 5th Battalion, 158th Aviation Regiment.
- Air Traffic Control Facility of the Year: Shank Tower, F Co., 2nd Bn., 3rd Combat Aviation Brigade.
- Air Traffic Control Maintenance Technician of the Year: Staff Sgt. Moises A. Morales, F Co., 2nd Bn., 3rd CAB.
- Air Traffic Control Manager of the Year: Sgt. 1st Class Romairick E. Whiteing, F Co., 2nd Bn., 3rd CAB.
- Air Traffic Controller of the Year: Spe. Douglas Ludlow, 1st Bn., 58th Avn. Regt.

AAAA National Awards

- Trainer of the Year: CW4 Guy E. Davis, 1st Bn., 3rd CAB.
- Aviation Medicine Award: Capt. Troy W. Akers, 1st Bn., 3rd CAB.
- DUSTOFF Medic of the Year: Sgt. Michael G. Patangan, C Co., 5th Bn., 158th Avn. Regt.
- Air/Sea Rescue Award: CW3 Craig Root, 2nd Lt. Douglas Hill, Sgt. Zackery Blansett and Sgt. David Ruiz, C Co., 2nd Bn., 3rd CAB.

can't forget our most precious resource is our people. We have a challenging future, for sure, but it's a bright one."

Crutchfield thanked Palumbo for his remarks and presented him with a

book on Medal of Honor recipients.

"I'm very thankful for having peers that I know are with me in leading this Branch," Crutchfield said. "I think (Palumbo's) remarks were right on the mark."

Future: Leaders discuss future goals of Army Aviation

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Will we be tomorrow? And that's what I'd like to tee up today to get us really thinking this week — about the future of our Branch and the future of our Army. We've got to stop thinking solely about Iraq and Afghanistan, and think a little into the future."

Crutchfield said that in order to move the Branch forward, it needed to choose an aim point and move towards it. He used the Comanche and the UH-1 Huey as examples.

It took about eight years to go from the idea of the UH-1 to full production, according to Crutchfield. By the end of the Vietnam War, more than 7,000 had flown in the conflict and 16,000 had been built. In contrast, the after 22 years of trying to produce the Comanche, two had been built and the project was canceled.

Retired Army Vice Chief of Staff Gen. Richard A. Cody explained why the Comanche had to be cut.

"We kept changing the requirements and changing the requirements," Cody said. "We had to cut from somewhere because we had to fund the ground Army, whether it was (up armor) plates for the HUMVEEs or it was night vision goggles. There were huge demands on the budget, and the only way to fix Army Aviation was to take the \$14.5 billion and get a commitment from the Department of Defense to not touch it when we cancelled it."

Crutchfield's argument was that in addition to all the other issues with the Comanche, the aim points

kept moving.

"That's my point, we cannot afford to do that again," Crutchfield said. "I'm saying we should never be in the position to make that decision again. The country can't afford it and our Branch cannot afford it."

"I say the time is now to start looking at what we're going to have for our future," he said. "We've got to start it now. And we've got to develop and we've got to move to that aim point. We've got to have a way to move to that aim point quickly or we're at risk."

Crutchfield added that incremental improvements on old aircraft cannot significantly advance and increase range, speed, payload and survivability that the Branch needs in its equipment for the future security environment.

"Unlike how we kept moving the Comanche's aim point, we've got to put the marker down and not move it. We have to accept what's good enough. And then field it, and then we make the improvements to it," he said. "Does that sound familiar to you? Because that's the way we've always done it. If we didn't, we wouldn't have a Longbow Block 3 Apache, we'd have had the perfect Apache in 1985."

Crutchfield told the leaders he needed their help to improve the Branch.

"I'm the chief of the Branch, I'm not the Branch," He said. "We are the Branch. And if anyone thinks that Fort Rucker is going to come up with all the solutions to all the problems in Aviation, they're wrong. We'll lead



PHOTO BY KYLE FORD

Col. Daniel Ball, USAACE chief of staff, goes over the ground rules during the introduction to the Aviation Senior Leaders Conference 2001, Feb. 1.

the Branch — that leaves your focus downrange. We'll lead the branch, but I need your thoughts."

Some of the issues leaders looked at during the three-day conference

included Army Aviation training, reducing Aviation accidents, Aviation future force design, and professional military education and Soldier development.

During the final outbrief,

Crutchfield thanked the leaders for their efforts. He said while Soldiers are the ones doing the heavy lifting, none of it would get done without the leadership they provide.

"It is also because of you," he said. "I understand our Soldiers are doing great things, but right now I want to thank you because they could not do it without your leadership."

Parker Awards honor best active-duty units

BY RUSSELL SELLERS
Army Flier Staff Writer

Four units received awards at this year's annual Lt. Gen. Ellis D. Parker Awards Feb. 2 at The Landing.

The top active-duty units earned awards in four different categories: Best Table of Distribution and Allowances, Best Combat Support Battalion, Best Combat Battalion and Overall Winner.

Gen. Richard Cody, retired Master Aviator and event guest speaker, said he was honored to present awards to the top combat units currently serving.

"This is significant, in a time of war, to recognize these Soldiers," Cody said. "Over the last two days I've gotten the chance to look at the (Aviation) Branch, and it is strong."

He continued by saying the leadership and Soldiers here deserved to pat themselves on the back for all the hard work it's taken to bring the Branch to where it is. He added that it's important to maintain a strong educational foundation and to invest in the future of the young men and women currently serving.

"Army Aviation has and always will operate in the air, but also in the ground regime," Cody said. "We have to realize that (the skills Soldiers have learned) are perishable. We have to focus on our people and our investment in training. You can't build those skills overnight."

Cody also commended Maj. Gen. Anthony G. Crutchfield, U.S. Army Aviation Center of Excellence and Fort Rucker commanding general, on his commitment to the Branch and the work he has done so far as its leader.

tion Branch's role in this fight is. I'm very proud of all of you and I couldn't be prouder to be an Army Aviator."

The Parker awards were established by Gen. Gordon R. Sullivan in 1992, then Chief of Staff of the Army, to honor Lt. Gen. Ellis D. Parker at his retirement. The award recognizes superior Aviation units in the areas of leadership, training, maintenance and safety, according to Col. Russ Stinger, 110th Aviation Brigade commander and event master of ceremonies during the awards luncheon.

Recipients

- Overall Winner: 603rd Aviation Support Battalion, Fort Stewart, Ga.
- Best Combat Battalion: 5th Battalion, 101st Aviation Regiment, Fort Campbell, Ky.
- Best Combat Support Battalion: 2nd Battalion, 1st Aviation Regiment, Fort Riley, Kan.
- Best Table Of Distribution And Allowances: 160th Special Operations Training Battalion, Fort Campbell, Ky.



PHOTO BY RUSSELL SELLERS

Maj. Gen. Anthony G. Crutchfield, USAACE and Fort Rucker commanding general, left, and other Aviation Branch leaders present various units awards during the annual Lt. Gen. Ellis D. Parker awards luncheon at The Landing Feb. 2.

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Star: CG thanks spouse for continuous support throughout career

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a Soldier, and I plan on Soldiering as long as the Army will let me be a Soldier," he said. "Today is not about me, I'd like to talk about some of the people who got me here."

"The only thing that could make this day more special is if three other people were here: my mother, my father and my mother-in-law. I'm a lucky man — I had two sets of parents. I know they're proud of me — they helped me get here."

He then thanked various mentors, from general officers to warrant officers to noncommissioned officers.

"As a young officer, to the NCOs, I listened and I watched," he said. "To the warrant officers, I learned. To my senior mentors, I listened. Those Soldiers, those countless Soldiers — some of them are here now — they did the heavy lifting. They lifted me up — that's why I'm here."

The Army's newest major general also credited support from the local communities.

"And to the communities around Fort Rucker that surround us like a blanket — it's like a security blanket to me. That's why I'm here," he said.

Crutchfield thanked his children, adding that he "couldn't be more proud

of them. They've grown to be two wonderful adults."

And saving the "most important" for last, the general closed the ceremony by thanking his wife for her love and support throughout his career.

"The best thing I ever did was when I was about 15 years old," he said. "I walked up behind a beautiful, blue-eyed blonde girl, leaned over, kissed her and whispered in her ear, 'I love you.' Happily, after 30 years of marriage, I'm here because of my wife."

"She never made me choose between her and the Army," he said. "She's not going anywhere — I think it's going to work out."



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Army recognizes Families of fallen with vehicle decal, easier installation access

BY WILLIAM BRADNER
Family and Morale, Welfare and Recreation Command

SAN ANTONIO — During a Survivor Outreach Services working group meeting last year, several participants expressed difficulty in gaining access to military installations to take part in SOS programs and support services.

Survivors, including parents of fallen Soldiers, do not always have a Department of Defense identification card, and are frequently required to obtain a visitor or temporary vehicle pass to enter garrisons.

Soon survivors will be able apply for a Survivor Decal, much like the standard installation access decal for their vehicle, greatly improving their ability to access the programs designed to

support them.

“My intent is to implement access control procedures making it easier for survivors to enter Army garrisons,” said Lt. Gen. Rick D. Lynch, Installation Management Command, commander and Assistant Chief of Staff for Installation Management.

“I want all security personnel manning our entrance gates to recognize these very special Army Families and welcome them with special respect for their sacrifice and service,” he continued.

IMCOM Protection Services Division, along with the Family and Morale, Welfare and Recreation Command SOS and Marketing Offices, created the decal and application, usage and implementation guidance for Army garrisons.

According to Maj. Gen. Reuben

D. Jones, Family and Morale, Welfare and Recreation Command commanding general, this new initiative underscores the Army’s commitment to providing support services to the survivors of fallen Soldiers, for as long as they need or desire.

“Families of the fallen deserve our respect, gratitude and the very best support, and services that we can provide,” said Jones.

Each garrison SOS support coordinator or equivalent Army Community Service staff member has the responsibility of working directly with survivors to assist them in the application process, which includes registering with the installation’s vehicle registration system.

Current DoD Physical Access Control policy requires everyone seeking entrance to a military installation to stop at the gate

and present government-issued, photo identification. Acceptable forms of identification include a state-issued driver’s license or state identification card. Survivors must still follow that policy, but once they have obtained a decal, they will no longer be required to apply for a visitor’s pass each time they enter an installation.

Judy, a survivor who frequently visits a media/game room dedicated to her son in the Fort Sam Houston Family Center, is very grateful that the decals will soon be available.

“I hate having to go through the ‘survivor’ and ‘are you military?’ explanations over and over” she said. “I reply with ‘My son was in the Army but ...’ It brings me to tears every time I have to have that conversation.”

The decal is only valid on Army

garrisons.

This is just one of the many ways the Army “will reassure survivors that they are forever members of the Army Family,” Lynch said.

Survivor Outreach Services is an Armywide program designed to provide dedicated and comprehensive support to survivors of deceased Soldiers. It includes a comprehensive survivor services program designed specifically to meet the needs of the survivor population with dedicated resources, and a commitment to providing first class service for as long as the family desires.

For more information about the decals or SOS in general, visit www.MyArmyOneSource.com or the garrison Army Community Services office.

People at Fort Rucker can call the ACS office at 255-3817

Run: Exercise works to strengthen teambuilding

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Crutchfield said. “We have to give (Soldiers down-range) everything we’ve got.”

The purpose of the run was to work on teambuilding, said Col. Timothy Edens, USAACE and Fort Rucker deputy commanding general. He added that timing it with the Aviation Senior Leaders Conference here was a good idea.

“We wanted to bring all of the Aviation Branch together,” Edens said. “I think we’re going to keep doing this during the (confer-

ence). Soldiers like seeing their leaders out there. We got a great response from them about this.”

Sgt. 1st Class Carmelo Vasquez, Fort Rucker Noncommissioned Officer Academy student sergeant major, said taking part in the first post run in almost 10 years was something he’ll always remember.

“I feel honored to be part of this run,” he said. “As an NCO it was really something special.”

Vasquez said he was happy to see the senior leadership of the Branch leading the way

during the run and it helped him to feel even more motivated to succeed in his work.

“This was the second time my unit has run to-

gether, on-post, since we started school,” he said. “We were all feeling really

good at the end and now we’re getting ready to go to work.”

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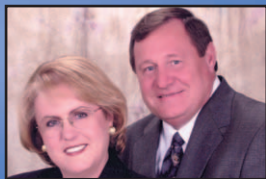


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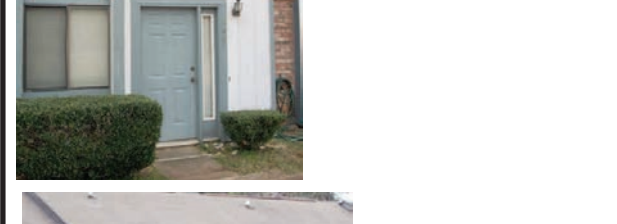
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ARLINGTON, Va., Feb. 2, 2011 – Army senior leadership announced Feb. 7 that Command Sgt. Maj. Raymond F. Chandler III will serve as the 14th sergeant major of the Army.

Chandler, who enlisted in the Army in 1981 as an armor crewman, currently serves as the 19th commandant of the Army Sergeants Major Academy at Fort Bliss, Texas.

He will replace Sgt. Maj. of the Army Kenneth O. Preston as the Army's senior enlisted adviser and spokesman of the enlisted corps.

Chandler will be sworn into the new position March 1 in a ceremony at the Pentagon.

During his career, Chandler has served in tank crewman positions and has had multiple tours as a troop, squadron and regimental master gunner.

Chandler said he knows some of the challenges he'll help the Army face while serving in this position are the same the Army is working on now: maintaining the force, reconstituting the force and building resiliency in the force. Chandler also said he knows it's important for soldiers to have more dwell time with their families.

COMMEMORATIVE COINS

WASHINGTON – Three coins commemorating the Army are now available for purchase from the U.S. Mint.

At a ceremony at the Pentagon Jan. 31, the designs for the three coins were unveiled. The coins feature artwork commemorating the Army at war, the Army during peacetime and the Army of today. A portion of the proceeds from the sale of the coins goes to constructing the National Museum of the U.S. Army.

The museum is expected to open in 2015, in conjunction with the Army's 240th birthday.

The three pieces include a \$5 dollar gold coin, a silver dollar and a clad half-dollar.

The three coins are now available for purchase on the U.S. Mint's Web site – and range in price from just under \$20 for the clad coin to \$450 for the gold coin.

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WASHINGTON – With proactive behavioral health care for servicemembers a priority, a top military health care leader stressed the merits of the TRICARE Assistance Program Jan. 31.

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When logged on, servicemembers will be connected to a licensed mental health counselor, who will assist them during one or two sessions, or refer them to a specialist, if needed. Currently, the program is only for adults, and Hunter stressed that TRIAP is for short-term, non-medical concerns.

For more information, or to use the program, go to www.TRICARE.mil/triap and follow the instructions for contacting a counselor.



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Spc. Igor Pinto Machado, D Co., 2nd GSAB, 1st Avn. Regt., eCAB, 1st Inf. Div., Chinook helicopter repairer, sprays down a Chinook in preparation for its return from Iraq to the U.S. this spring. The brigade's Chinook helicopter repairers are charged with breaking down the aircraft so that they can be inspected by customs officials and flown

Soldiers prepare for return

BY SPC. ROLAND HALE
*Enhanced Combat Aviation Brigade,
1st Infantry Division, Public Affairs*

CAMP TAJI, Iraq – An Army Aviation brigade out of Fort Riley, Kan., is preparing its aircraft to return from Iraq this spring.

The Enhanced Combat Aviation Brigade, 1st Infantry Division is scheduled to be replaced by another unit in the coming months, and its redeployment preparations are in full-swing.

Some of the brigade's helicopters will fly to ports in Kuwait to be shipped by sea, while others will be loaded on to large Air Force aircraft for what is called "strategic air movements" to the U.S.

WO1 Jahmal Anderson is in charge of overseeing the brigade commander's redeployment plan. With aircraft operating out of about a dozen locations across Iraq, he is faced with a daunting task.

"It's not just the aircraft, but the equipment that goes with them," said Anderson. "We're making sure everything gets in and gets out."

In total, the brigade's redeployment process will span about nine months, he said. The preparations began last September, half-way into the unit's deployment, and will not end until around June. The unit's personnel will return sooner, but several dozen of its aircraft will enter reset, a process by which they are completely

broken down for extensive maintenance.

Spc. Dante Soto, D Company, 2nd General Support Avn. Battalion, 1st Avn. Regiment, is one of the brigade's helicopter repairers responsible for preparing the aircraft to be shipped to the reset facility.

"We've got two crews running on 24-hour operations to get the birds broken down and

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Airdrop weathers storm, delivers 120 bundles to FOB



PHOTO BY SGT. 1ST CLASS PETE MAYES

A C-17 drops bundles of food and fuel to Soldiers at Forward Operating Base Waza Kwhah, Afghanistan. Soldiers with the 101st Sustainment Brigade prepared the 30-day bundles for the unit.

BY SGT. 1ST CLASS
PETE MAYES
Army News Service

PAKTIKA PROVINCE, Afghanistan — The 101st Sustainment Brigade and the U.S. Air Force did their best postman impression by battling the elements and delivering 120 bundles, including 101 bundles of JP8 fuel, to a fuel-starved Task Force Currahee at Forward Operating Base Waza Kwhah, Afghanistan.

A planned, record setting container delivery system aerial drop to the remote FOB in eastern Afghanistan was altered, and then threatened for cancellation when a sudden snowfall in the area emerged, hindering the pilots' ability to see the landing zone.

The CDS drop originally consisted of the bundles being dropped simultaneously from three C-17 Globemaster planes. Due to a last-minute change in plans and the weather, however, the drops were conducted over two days.

Although there were no records set, the mission's importance was no less significant, said Lt. Col. David J. Preston, commander of the 801st Bde. Support Battalion, 4th Bde. Combat Team, 101st Airborne Division.

"The takeaway from this is that these guys rely on this fuel for everything," he said. "This is their lifeblood, and whatever it takes to get it to them, we're going to be persistent and get it to

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Army acquisition evolves during war time, adjusts to enemy tactics

BY SPC. ROLAND HALE
*Enhanced Combat Aviation Brigade,
1st Infantry Division, Public Affairs*

ARLINGTON, Va. — Mixing traditional acquisition practices with rapid and hybrid approaches is the best way the Army's acquisition community can serve Soldiers at war, said Maj. Gen. Mark Brown.

Brown, deputy for Acquisition and Systems Management in the Office of the Assistant Secretary of the Army for Acquisition, Logistics, and Technology, spoke to an audience of military and industry attendees Jan. 14 at the Association of the United States Army Aviation Symposium and Exhibition, National Harbor, Md.

"We have to remain flexible. We have to be responsive to the warfighter's theater needs," said Brown.

This includes the need to adjust

to enemy techniques and tactics, he said. The current conflicts in Iraq and Afghanistan have required the Army to adapt its acquisition practices, making them more efficient and more nimble in certain key instances in response to wartime demands.

For instance, Department of Defense and the Army moved to rapidly produce and deploy thousands of Mine Resistant Ambush Protected vehicles needed to counter the growing threat of improvised explosive devices.

This as an example of how the Army can accelerate, adjust and in some cases bypass traditional acquisition processes in order to meet urgent operational needs.

The Army has learned to perform a delicate balancing act and

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The Gray Eagle Unmanned Aircraft System, shown here in Afghanistan, is an example of a hybrid acquisition process that blends the traditional approach with rapid acquisition.

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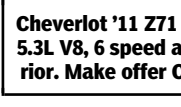


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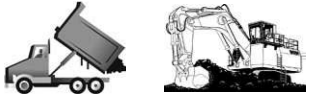
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Soldiers: Preparation brings unit closer to home

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ready to go,” said Soto. Soto and other repairers have already prepared several Chinook helicopters for redeployment. While tearing down and preparing the 10-ton, 98-foot Chinooks is no small task, the battalion’s crews can prepare an aircraft in about a day, said Soto. The atmosphere is energetic for the crews working on the aircraft,

said Soto. For them, it is one less aircraft to maintain and another day closer to home. “I’ve done probably over a hundred washes out here,” said Soto, taking a break while his crew finished washing a Chinook. “It can get redundant doing it day in, day out, but these are our last washes so everyone’s pretty stoked to be getting them done.” Spc. Matthew Gregory, assigned to the same company as Soto, also looks forward to getting home. In addition to the aircraft, the battalion is packing the tools and equipment they use to repair the aircraft, he said. “We’re packing up containers full of our equipment, doing the paperwork needed to ship it back,” said Gregory. “It feels good ... good to go home.” But the brigade’s Soldiers will not be going home just yet. While

the redeployment process is under way and many of these troops have already started their count-downs, the brigade still has a mission here. It is currently the Army’s only Aviation brigade in Iraq, and with a new Aviation brigade on its way to replace them, the unit will now have the additional responsibility of training their replacements. It is a load they can carry in stride, though, said Gregory.

Airdrop: Operation provides supplies for at least 35 days

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them.” Preston said JP8 fuel is used to power the FOB’s generators and is necessary for heat, communication and force protection for the Soldiers. There is no way to deliver the fuel to the FOB by ground, so aerial delivery is the only method of transportation that is available, he said. Along with the other 19 bundles containing food and drinkable water, the FOB will have supplies for at least 35 days, Preston said. “Twice we’ve come dangerously close to running out of fuel here because of the weather,” he said. “They went to where they could only run certain generators to keep the force protection going, the heaters might not be running. We want to expand the capacity so that should the weather drop, we’ll have enough to sustain that capacity.” The airplane flew in under the snow clouds at about 1,500 feet from the ground during the first CDS drop, allowing the Soldiers and

members of the Afghan Border Police a fairly close view of the bundles as they descended from the sky. Once the bundles hit the ground, the Soldiers quickly headed to the landing zone to unrig and load the bundles onto their vehicles and return to base. Air Force Air Mobility Liaison Officer Lt. Col. Stacy Maxey praised the sustainment brigade for the well bundled supplies that arrived to the FOB with little damage, as well as the collaborative efforts highlighting Army combat logistics and air power. “The survivability of these bundles were amazing. They were well-rigged, well-loaded, and well-configured for the airdrop,” he said. “Murphy’s (law) always on duty and sometimes weather can be your worst enemy in these situations.” Maxey said the drop validates the combat support given to the warfighter on the ground. “What this means is that we can give supplies any time and any place, regardless of the

environmental or combat situation,” Maxey said. Spc. Robert Smallman, a parachute rigger with the 101st Sus. Bde., is assigned to the 4th BCT, where he advises his company on the proper rigging procedures. He was at the drop site to analyze how well the drop itself went and to assist in determining what malfunction happened in terms of rigging the bundles. “Most of the chutes opened well. I’d say about a good 85 percent were successful, and that’s a pretty good ratio,” Smallman said. Smallman said he helps train the BSB riggers, showing them what they’ve done correctly or not, and helping them determine what size pallets to use for any specific aerial drops. Smallman said there are times when aerial drop missions have been cut due to weather, but that was not the case for this particular mission. “Oh no, this is fuel. This is sort of a necessity,” he said.

Acquisition: Team works to provide tactical solutions rapidly

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respond quickly when enemy tactics have outpaced technological solutions, Army officials said, adding this requires the Army to innovate and find ways of more rapidly delivering new solutions and capabilities — as in the case of MRAPs. There are often key tradeoffs and consequences associated with each action, thus necessitating

the need to strike the proper balance, Brown explained. For instance in the case of MRAPs, multiple contractors were employed simultaneously in order to meet the urgent need to deploy large numbers of vehicles. The advantage to this approach, naturally, was the fielding of thousands of urgently needed new, MRAP vehicles within a short, two-year time span. The dis-

advantage was that using multiple vendors meant that multiple variants were created, a phenomenon that complicated the logistics, sustainment and supply chain for the vehicles. With these nuances in mind, Brown cited examples of traditional program-of-record-oriented approaches, rapid acquisition techniques and hybrid approaches that were each essential in their respective instances. “I want to do a side-by-side compare and contrast of the traditional acquisition system, the DoD 5000, and the rapid acquisition system that is being driven by eight to nine years of war at this point. They are very different,” Brown said. “In the rapid acquisition system, you get an (Operational Needs Statement) or (Joint Urgent Operational Needs

Statement) — you go to the Army Requirements and Resources Board and get some (Overseas Contingency Operations) dollars. You go out and buy something off the shelf and run it through a very rapid safety assessment and a capabilities and limitations report. Then you send it into the fight. We have had a substantial amount of success with this,” Brown said.

Got Risk?

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“Got Risk?” is one of the tools the U.S. Army Combat Readiness Center produces weekly to increase awareness of Army loss and to help mitigate risk. For more information about “Got Risk?” and other Army safety tools, visit <https://safety.army.mil>.

A Soldier died Dec. 23 from injuries suffered in a snowmobiling accident near Crystal Lake, N.Y. The Soldier was operating the snowmobile on a designated trail when he lost control, collided with another snowmobile and then struck an embankment.

A Soldier died Dec. 26 in Raleigh, N.C., from a single gunshot wound to the head. The Soldier was one of four friends at a private residence when he reportedly picked up the weapon to demonstrate it was not loaded, pointed it at his temple and discharged a round. He was killed instantly.

Safety reflection

Whether Soldiers are on duty or off, they can use the five-step composite risk management process to keep them safe in all activities. The Risk Management Information System for reviewing accident data and the Loss Reporting Automation System for reporting accidents can also assist Soldiers and civilians in reducing accidental risk.

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Healthy smiles



Dental staff provides free screenings at CDC

BY MICHELE WATSON
Contributing Writer

February is the American Dental Association's National Children's Dental Health Month.

To kick off the celebration, the Tooth Fairy, also known as Roseanne Licina, Red Cross volunteer, along with Dr. Ann Bagley D.D.S, with the Dental Clinic, visited the Child Development Center Feb. 2.

According to the American Dental Association, parents do not realize they should be cleaning the gums of babies long before the first tooth comes in, which explains why 40 percent of children in the United States have a cavity by age 6.

Around 250 children, ages infant to 6 years old, participated in the dental screening provided by the dental health clinic.

"Teaching children of all ages good dental hygiene is very important," said Bagley. "During the month, activities have been set up to help make the public aware of how important it is to have children practice good dental health hygiene at an early age."

The clinic will hold its annual "Tooth-brush Turn In" next week. Children can throw away their old toothbrushes and stop by the dental clinic to get a new one.

"It is very important that not only children, but adults as well, replace their toothbrush every three months," Dr. Bagley said.

The dental clinic reinforces the importance of celebrating Dental Health Month.

"I believe children of all ages should practice good dental hygiene," Licina



PHOTO BY MICHELE WATSON

Kim Bullard, dental assistant with the Dental Clinic, gives Cyae Stone a dental screening at the Child Development Center Feb. 2 as part of National Children's Dental Health Month.

said. "Children need to learn at an early age the importance of brushing their teeth and taking proper care of their teeth. Having good dental hygiene affects a child's mental and physical well-being."

Following the dental screening, chil-

dren who participated received their own dental mirror and a new toothbrush. They also received a little goodie bag from the Tooth Fairy full of specialty items to help promote good dental hygiene.

"We want to thank the dental clinic

for coming today," said Sandra Milstead, representative with the CDC. "They have taken time out of their schedule to help make sure the children here at the CDC learn proper dental hygiene."

For more information on dental health, call 255-3393.

Post celebrates African American history

BY JEREMY WISE
Contributing Writer

With the tunes of spirituals and the smells of homestyle cuisine filling the air, community members kicked off Fort Rucker's African American/Black History Month Celebration Friday at the Fort Rucker Post Exchange.

Choir and step performances from Daleville High School's Multicultural Club and Tuskegee University's Golden Voices entertained patrons at the PX food court. Many of the songs were religious.

"This is what the African-American community is about. The majority are religious, and the tunes are religious," said Staff Sgt. Jack Sturgill, the 110th Aviation Brigade equal opportunity adviser and event organizer.

Sturgill added that the Daleville High and Tuskegee groups have volunteered to perform for community members numerous times in the past.

Those in attendance also



PHOTO BY JEREMY WISE

Members of the Daleville High School Multicultural Club perform a step routine at the Post Exchange Friday. The show was part of the post's African American/Black History Month Celebration kickoff.

dined on cuisine samples from local restaurants.

Post officials said celebrating different cultures is very important in the military setting.

This is an opportunity to showcase talent from different backgrounds," said Justin Mitchell, deputy garrison commander. "There's a lot of talent

in many cultures, as we've seen here. As the military is the ultimate melting pot, the blend of many cultures ... is not lost by doing things like this."

The ceremony also highlighted historical contributions of African Americans with displays.

"It's a good thing for Americans to remember history, from leaders to inventors," Mitchell said.

Air Force Staff Sgt. Keayana Minus, 23rd Flying Training Squadron Aviation resource manager, said the celebration gave her a chance to reflect on the accomplishments and sacrifices made by African Americans.

"A lot of times we get caught up in work and home. We forget where we came from," she said. "We forget to give credit to those who deserve it."

Marianna, Fla.'s Frank Dickens, a disabled Army veteran who served during the Vietnam War, came to Fort Rucker to watch his son, Spc. Byron Dickens, graduate from air traffic control school. He also attended the celebration while here.

"I think it's important to know our heritage," he said. "So many have served in the military."

Spouse Expo answers important questions

BY JEREMY WISE
Contributing Writer

The Army provides several support organizations for military Families, but with so many options, Family members may not know where to turn for help.

That is why Directorate of Family and Morale, Welfare and Recreation staff hosts the Spouse Readiness Planning Expo Friday from 9 to 11 a.m. at

The Landing.

"The problem is we have so many resources, but they're so spread out," said Deborah Cisneros, U.S. Army Aviation Center of Excellence Family Readiness Support assistant. "This is to try to bring it all to one place so (spouses) can get the help they need."

Cisneros, who was one of the people who initialized the exhibition project, said about 10 groups will have representa-

tives at The Landing to answer any questions about health insurance, identification card renewal, financial readiness or any other issue.

"Spouses should think of experiences they have. If they had questions, they can ask them," Cisneros said.

Groups attending the expo include Tricare, Staff Judge Advocate, Child, Youth and School Services and Army Community Service.

"The biggest thing they can get is resolution to myths about available resources. Secondly, they are able to ask questions," Cisneros said.

Curtis Williams, Mobilization/Deployment program manager and event organizer, said no program is organized but spouses can "go station-to-station and find out what's going on" with support resources.

"They can find out what they actually need for these re-

sources," he said, noting when spouses leave the event, they will have a better foundation of knowledge about how the military supports their Families.

This is the first event of its kind at Fort Rucker.

"We need better tools to prepare our Families, and that's one way we are (helping)," Williams said.

For more information about the expo, visit the DFMWR website at www.ftruckerdmwr.com.

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YOUR WEEKLY GUIDE TO FORT RUCKER EVENTS , SERVICES AND ACTIVITIES

National Prayer Breakfast

The National Prayer Breakfast is today from 6:30 to 8 a.m. at The Landing.

The keynote speaker for this occasion is retired Chaplain (Lt. Col.) Donny D. Thrasher, who is currently the pastor of The Grace Place in Enterprise. This event is open to the public.

Tickets can be obtained from unit representatives, unit chaplains or the Garrison Chaplain Office Bldg. 8945.

A suggested donation of \$6 is requested. For more information, call 255-2989 or 255-2012.

Spouse Readiness Planning Expo

The Spouse Readiness Planning Expo is Friday from 9 to 11 a.m.

Childcare is available with two-week prior registration and enrollment in Child, Youth and School Services.

For more information and registration, call 255-9578.

Call for the Arts

Family members kindergarten through high school can showcase their military experience through film, poetry or the arts.

Selected submissions will be featured in art exhibit at the Military Child Education Coalition Annual Conference, annual calendar, magazine and MCEC media.

Deadline for all entries is Friday. For more information, call (254) 953-1923 or visit www.MilitaryChild.org/child-student/arts.

Tell Me a Story

“Tell Me a Story” is Sunday from 2 to 3 p.m. at The Commons, Bldg. 8950 located on 7th Avenue.

A copy of the book to be read is supplied free to as many as 60 families who participate.

For more information, call 255-9812.

Divorce and Separation Co-Parenting Workshop

Army Community Service's Family Advocacy Program holds a divorce and

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separation co-parenting workshop Monday from 9 a.m. to noon at the early childhood activity center.

Topics include commitment to staying child focused, effective communication and negotiation skills, reducing parental conflict and understanding children's needs during and following divorce.

This workshop is a two-part series. Participants must attend all classes in order to receive a certificate of completion. Registration is required.

This workshop is open to active duty, retired military, Department of Defense employees and their Family members. For more information, call 255-3898.

EFMP Information and Support Group

The Exceptional Family Member Program staff invites all activity duty military Families that have an exceptional or special needs Family member to the EFMP Information and Support Group meeting.

The EFMP Information and Support Group meets Tuesday from 9 to 10 a.m. at the Landing Zone. The topic for the meeting is Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder.

The guest speaker is Leslie George, a licensed social worker at Lyster Army Health Clinic's department of behavioral medicine.

For information and to register, call 255-9277.

FRCSCLuncheon

Fort Rucker Community Spouses Club members host their monthly activity Feb. 17 at 6 p.m. at The Landing.

This month's theme is a wine tasting and a newlywed game for couples.

For more information or reservations, visit www.ftruckeresc.com.

FRCSCScholarship

The Fort Rucker Community Spouses Club is currently accepting applications from high school seniors and continuing education adults for scholarships to be awarded in May.

Entry is open to military families and citizens from the local community.

For application, rules and eligibility requirements, visit www.ftruckeresc.com. Postmark deadline is March 14.

ACAP employer day event

The Fort Rucker Army Career and Alumni Program Center staff hosts Air Evac Lifeteam and the Social Security Administration for an employer day event Feb. 18 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. in the second floor break room of Bldg. 5700.

For more information, call 255-3932.

Live entertainment by Delta Saints

The Landing Zone staff hosts live entertainment by the Delta Saints of Nashville Feb. 18 from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m.

The courtesy van offers a free ride home to patrons that live on post. For more information, call 598-8025.

Blood drive

The 1st Battalion, 13th Aviation Regiment, hosts a blood drive Feb. 25 from 2-8 p.m. at the Fortenberry-Colton Physical Fitness Facility, Bldg. 5900.

Blood donations support injured Soldiers in Iraq and Afghanistan; active duty Soldiers and family members; and the Lyster Army Health Clinic.

For more information, call 255-7557 or 255-1333.

Comedy Live at Rucker

Comedians Adam Ace and Louis Ramey perform stand-up comedy Feb. 25 from 8 to 9:30 p.m. in The Landing Ballroom.

Advanced tickets are \$10 and can be purchased at The Landing Zone and in The Land-

ing's catering office.

For more information, call 255-9810.

The Regulars Band in The Zone

The Regulars come to The Landing Zone Feb. 25 from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m.

The courtesy van offers a free ride home to patrons that live on post.

For more information, call 598-8025.

Stress Management Workshop

Army Community Service's Family Advocacy Program holds a stress management workshop Feb. 28 from 9 a.m. to noon at the early childhood activity center.

Topics include identifying cause of stress, symptoms of stress, techniques on how to manage stress and developing a stress management plan. Registration is required.

This workshop is open to active duty, retired military, Department of Defense employees and their Family members.

For child care information and registration, call 255-3898.

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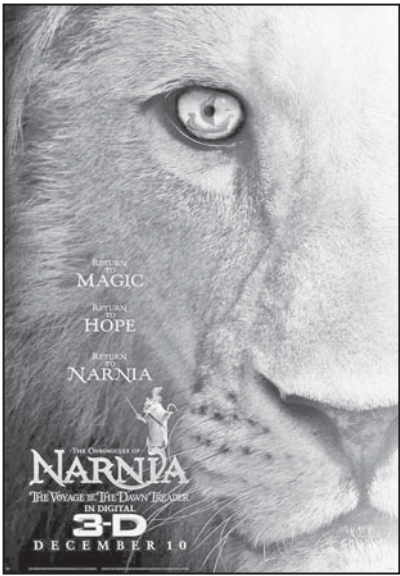
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FORT RUCKER Movie Schedule for Feb. 10 – 13

See you at the movies



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The Chronicles of Narnia: Voyage of the Dawn Treader (PG) 7 p.m.



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Season of the Witch (PG-13) 7 p.m.



SATURDAY, FEB. 12
Gulliver's Travels (PG) 2 & 7 p.m.

Worship

CHAPEL CORNER

Soldier reflects on how humans pull together

BY 1ST LT. AVI BEHAR
Army News Service

Avi Behar, a 23-year-old lieutenant from Cherry Hill, N.J., was deployed to command a convoy mission in western Afghanistan last August, just a month before the Jewish new year.

Since he was profiled in the *Jewish Exponent*, the young officer has shared occasional letters about his experiences.

In the following passage, which has been edited for brevity and clarity, Behar reflects on an encounter with an Afghan in distress on the first night of Chanukah:

As I stood in yet another absurdly long line waiting to board yet another cramped and noisy military flight, an awareness of the equilibrium of life came to mind. A few weeks ago, on our way back along our normal route through Western Afghanistan, my convoy team came across a man staring hopelessly at his overloaded truck, full of the season's harvest, stuck

on the side of the road. As my scout vehicle relayed the info to me, I decided to investigate the issue (I use the word 'investigate' very appropriately as to ensure that what we came up on was not a ploy for something deadly).

After dismounting with my interpreter, Abdul, we learned that the man swerved to avoid colliding with an oncoming vehicle. The local was quite emotional at the thought of his harvest on the side of the road, which would surely not remain there throughout the night. There were soldiers of the Afghan National Army on the scene, but their small and old Ford pick-up trucks proved unable to help.

My plan was to hook up my lead gun truck to the mired truck and yank it from the median of the road. This, too, was unsuccessful. As the fruitless recovery attempts continued, the Afghan soldiers began walking around frantically.

Moments later, a convoy of about six armored ANA vehicles arrived. This is

very rare — heavy armament is usually reserved for VIPs. A tall man, in a suave fashion only imagined in Hollywood movies, jumped out of one of the vehicles and began hastily walking towards me. Behind him, an entourage of about eight others stumbled as they attempted to give orders to the ANA soldiers already on the scene while struggling to keep up with the swiftly-moving man.

I was introduced to Brig. Gen. Akram. He commanded an impressive military posture, standing at least 6'2" with a slight pot belly and thick mustache. Immediately, both our focuses shifted to the recovery operation, which at this point was failing miserably.

This was the ultimate test. Could my team prove to the Afghans that not only were we willing, but also able to help? If we did not succeed, this failure would reflect poorly upon on my unit, my country and the U.S. Army.

We deployed to Afghanistan to help the Afghans.

That truck was going to be un-stuck by hook or by crook. This man's livelihood depended on it, and there was no way I was about to leave unsuccessfully.

I ordered another gun truck to hook up to the first truck which, in turn, would be anchored to another vehicle. As the vehicles were hooking up, I handed some beef jerky to the locals who had been there all day (for some reason, it seems to be a local favorite).

Finally the vehicles were ready. The crowd quieted as the tires spun, smoked and screeched. Locals crossed their fingers; their faces praying "please let this work." Moments later the vehicle was yanked out.

The locals began clapping and cheering. My interpreter and I shook hands as I stared with joy and relief at the recovered vehicle and the happy locals. Akram shook both my hands and, with seemingly natural poise, pointed at the name on my body armor. 'Behar,' he

said. 'Yes, Sir. Lieutenant Behar,' I replied.

With a smile from ear to ear, he said, "I will find you." He began walking away and his entourage of followers each shook my hand quickly as they hurried behind. The local, whose vehicle was now safe from pillaging, shook my hand with the greatest look of relief I had ever seen.

As we returned to our vehicles and began our drive back, the sweet taste of victory was in the air. That day, we accomplished our mission. We made a difference.

Upon returning that night, exhausted but pleased, our battalion chaplain put together a Chanukah service. We had discussed the idea a few days prior, but I wasn't expecting what I was about to experience.

As I tiredly walked into the tent that serves as our chapel, I gazed upon what appeared to be a miracle: A menorah, about four feet tall, stood in the front of the room.

Capt. Brett L. Johnson,

a Christian chaplain, had built this unbelievable object that day using wood, scrap plywood, and a few hand tools. He had also researched Chanukah so he could lead services for the four of us who came. He had reached outside his faith and provided a gift so largely disproportionate to any that I had ever given.

That night, that equilibrium I mentioned occurred to me. I am a member of the Jewish faith and that afternoon had helped a Muslim. That same night, a Christian brought the best holiday gift I could have asked for.

This is the purpose of life: helping others. That is what we, as humans, faiths irrelevant, were created for. Separated by birth and many other factors, we all are created in God's image. And though the miracles of our faith happened thousands of years ago, they continue to happen to this day.

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Religious Services

CATHOLIC PARISH SERVICES

Confessions are conducted at 4 p.m. Mass is offered Saturdays at 5 p.m., Sundays at 9:30 a.m. and Tuesdays-Fridays at 12:05 p.m. at the Main Post Chapel. For more information, call 255-9894.

LUTHERAN, EPISCOPALIAN WORSHIP SERVICES

Lutheran and Episcopal worship services are offered Sundays at 8 a.m. at the Main Post Chapel. For more information, call 255-3140 or 255-2989.

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Protestant Contemporary Praise services are offered at 9 and 11 a.m. Sundays at the Chapel of Wings. For more information, call 255-9221 or 255-2989.

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Services are offered Sundays at the Ozark LDS Chapel at 9 a.m. For more information, call 255-4359 or 255-2989.

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All prayers are held at Bldg. T6609 on Fifth Avenue. For more information about daily prayers, weekly and monthly programs, call Chaplain (Maj.) Abdullah Hulwe at 255-1073.

CHURCH OF CHRIST SERVICES

Church of Christ services are offered Sundays at 1:30 p.m. at the Chapel of Wings featuring the Lord's Supper, singing, sermon and prayer. Everyone is welcome.

COLLECTIVE PROTESTANT WORSHIP SERVICES

Collective Protestant worship services are offered Sundays at 11 a.m. at the Main Post Chapel. For more information, call 255-3140.

JEWISH SERVICES

Services are offered Fridays at Temple Emanu-El, located at 188 North Park in Dothan at 7 p.m. For more information, call 792-5001.

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MEDCOM now recruiting civilians

KIMBERLY H. ROSS
Medical Command outreach coordinator

The Civilian Corps of the United States Army Medical Command is seeking to fill a variety of positions in over 70 locations within the Army Medical Department.

Civilianmedicaljobs.com is a concise way for civilians and military Family members with health-care experience to view and apply for current openings.

The Web site is continually updated with the latest

openings and in-person job fair opportunities, and also details the many benefits offered to Army Medicine Civilian Corps employees.

In May 2008, the MEDCOM, Civilian Human Resources Division, Recruitment and Retention Branch established a successful, proactive recruitment program to identify and attract civilian health-care professionals to supplement enlisted military staff.

Past efforts to increase awareness of MEDCOM opportunities included job postings on .gov and .mil

Web sites. The process was simple – candidates would search the job Web site, apply for jobs, go through the rating and ranking process, get referred and selected.

However, many job seekers were unaware of job postings on the sites. Furthermore, a majority of targeted healthcare candidates are passive job seekers, meaning they are not actively searching for new em-

ployment opportunities. Through recent staffing and marketing efforts, MEDCOM is now on the road to successful recruitment of qualified health-care professionals to serve the medical needs of Soldiers and their Families.

Four full-time career consultants are employed at the corporate level, the R and R Branch. MEDCOM recruiters develop and execute plans to maintain a

highly visible recruitment program, refer applicants to immediate and future job openings, and focus efforts on hard-to-fill medical occupations.

Additionally, the R and R Branch has teamed with a new contractor, Agency MABU, to establish and launch the Web site specifically designed to provide information and collect applications to the Army Medicine Civilian Corps.

The Web site is part of a comprehensive marketing plan, which includes a targeted advertising campaign, attendance at national career fairs and ongoing media support.

MEDCOM also promotes and hosts virtual career fairs several times each year, enabling job seekers to view career-specific opportunities, submit applications and ask questions to career consultants.

Lyster Army Health Clinic

INFORMATION ★ UPDATES

Women Veterans Health Program meet and greet

Central Alabama Veterans Health Care System hosts a Women Veterans Health Program Meet and Greet at the Lyster Veterans Administration Clinic on Thursday, from 1 - 2:30 p.m. to increase Women Veteran awareness of the specialized services available for them.

Women Veterans are a growing segment of the Veteran demographic. The current approximate percentage of women Veterans is as high as 8 percent, which is up from 4.4 percent in 1988. Plus, women make up 11.3 percent of Operation Enduring Freedom/Operation Iraqi Freedom Veterans.

As part of the Department of Veterans Affairs' efforts to ensure readiness for the influx of new women Veterans, CAVHCS is actively addressing resource needs so that the proper training, as well as equipment and supplies are in place in facilities. Women Veteran Health Program Meet and Greets are designed to provide women Veterans with educational information as well as in-

creasing their awareness of the program's availability.

For more information, call 255-7831, from 1:00 - 2:30 p.m.

Patient security

In order to provide maximum security for patients and the staff, the public access to Lyster Army Health Clinic is limited to the main entrance off of the large parking lot. In addition, the main entrance will have a metal detector to minimize bringing in concealed weapons. The main entrance will also have guards to ensure concealed weapons are not brought into the facility.

Affordable Care Act

The recent Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act (Public Law 111-148) requires civilian health plans that provide medical coverage to children to make that coverage available until the child turns 26 years of age. The Act did not give the Department of Defense the authority to offer this benefit through Tricare.

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Legal Notice

Important information about the \$3.4 billion Indian Trust Settlement

For current or former IIM account holders,
Owners of land held in trust or restricted status, or their heirs

There is a proposed Settlement in *Cobell v. Salazar*, a class action lawsuit about individual Indian land held in trust by the federal government. This notice is just a summary. For details, call the toll-free number or visit the website listed below.

The lawsuit claims that the federal government violated its duties by (a) mismanaging trust funds/assets, (b) improperly accounting for those funds, and (c) mismanaging trust land/assets. The trust funds include money collected from farming and grazing leases, timber sales, mining, and oil and gas production from land owned by American Indians/Alaska Natives.

If you are included in the Settlement, your rights will be affected. To object to the Settlement, to comment on it, or to exclude yourself, you should get a detailed notice at www.IndianTrust.com or by calling 1-800-961-6109.

Can I get money?

There are two groups or "Classes" in the Settlement eligible for payment. Each Class includes individual IIM account holders or owners of land held in trust or restricted status who were alive on September 30, 2009.

Historical Accounting Class Members

- Had an open individual Indian Money account ("IIM") anytime between October 25, 1994 and September 30, 2009, and
- The account had at least one cash transaction.
- Includes estates of account holders who died as of September 30, 2009, if the IIM account was still open on that date.

Trust Administration Class Members

- Had an IIM account recorded in currently available data in federal government systems any time from approximately 1985 to September 30, 2009, or
- Owned trust land or land in restricted status as of September 30, 2009.
- Includes estates of landowners who died as of September 30, 2009 where the trust interests were in probate as of that date. This means you have asked a court to transfer ownership of the deceased landowner's property.

An individual may be included in one or both Classes.

What does the Settlement provide?

- A \$1.5 billion fund to pay those included in the Classes.
- A \$1.9 billion fund to buy small interests in trust or restricted land owned by many people.
- Up to \$60 million to fund scholarships to improve access to higher education for Indian youth.
- A government commitment to reform the Indian trust management and accounting system.

How much can I get?

- Historical Accounting Class Members will each get \$1,000.
- Trust Administration Class Members will get at least \$500.
- If you own a small parcel of land with many other people, the federal government may ask you to sell it. You will be offered fair market value. If you sell your land it will be returned to tribal control.

If you believe you are a member of either Class and are not receiving IIM account statements, you will need to call the toll-free number or visit the website to register.

What are my other rights?

- If you wish to keep your right to sue the federal government about the claims in this Settlement, you must exclude yourself by **April 20, 2011**.
- If you stay in the Settlement you can object to or comment on it by **April 20, 2011**. The detailed notice explains how to exclude yourself or object/comment.

The U.S. District Court for the District of Columbia will hold a hearing on June 20, 2011, to consider whether to approve the Settlement. It will also consider a request for attorneys' fees, costs, and expenses in the amount of \$99.9 million. However, Class Counsel has fee agreements that would pay them 14.75% of the funds created for the Classes, which could result in an award of \$223 million. The Court may award more or less than these amounts based on controlling law. If approved, these payments and related costs will come out of the Settlement funds available for payment to Class Members.

If you wish, you or your own lawyer may ask to appear and speak at the hearing at your own cost. For more information, call or go to the website shown below or write to Indian Trust Settlement, P.O. Box 9577, Dublin, OH 43017-4877.

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Efficient maintenance

Automotive Skills Center eases automotive repair, upkeep costs

BY NANCY RASMUSSEN
Fort Rucker Public Affairs

Unexpected automotive repairs and routine auto maintenance can put real stress on a Family's budget.

The Fort Rucker Automotive Skills Center has the equipment and services to save money on do-it-yourself car maintenance and repair.

Offering on-site instruction, assistance, tools and equipment, the Automotive Skills Center also has a Mechanic-for-Hire program which can save military Families money in repair labor fees.

The postAuto Skills Center, located on Headhunter Street at 2nd Avenue, is equipped with everything from lift and maintenance bays to hydraulic and McPherson strut presses, parts washer and on-the-spot instruction in a full range of maintenance-related jobs.

With a technical reference center that offers Mitchell-On-Demand software, patrons may access "how-to" automotive information including vehicle specific wiring diagrams, maintenance information, labor estimates, technical service bulletins and recalls.

Long-time do-it-yourselfer and instructor pilot Ed Sapp estimates he has saved about \$25,000 over the years.

"I've completed rebuilds, replaced timing belts, shocks and struts and water pumps, serviced my air conditioning system and used just about every service the center provides," he said. "Today we're here changing out my daughter's car brake pads and completing an oil change for a fraction of what it would cost to have it professionally done. I figure today alone, I saved about \$250. This center is a wonderful resource for all government (identification) card holders."

The center's 12 lift

and 11 flat bays, and its year-old paint booth and body bay are open for all eligible patrons, said Tina Barber, Auto Skills Center program manager.

"Our facility can handle just about any automotive related job, and we have a staff of hands-on experts to help the novice become proficient and confident in caring for his or her vehicle," she said.

In addition to the scheduled how-to classes including oil change, tire maintenance, tune-ups, transmission filter service, front and rear brakes, emission controls and flat tire changing, the Automotive Skills Center can help with accessories and electrical troubleshooting, air conditioning and heating systems, steering and suspension systems, engine mechanical and engine performance.

Flight student Capt. Jason Traylor is in the process of rebuilding a 1973 Toyota Landcruiser.

"By the time I'm finished with this project, it will have cost me about \$700 for the three months of bay rental and services included in the monthly fee associated with the special projects pricing," he said. "If I had had to pay for this project at a commercial enterprise, the cost would have been prohibitive."

"Special project fees vary depending on the size and scope of the project," said mechanic Brook Johns. "It includes everything available at the center except the paint booth, which runs \$15 an hour or \$70 a day."

The cross draft paint booth is heated and equipped with fire suppressant alarms, and is available by appointment only.

For those more mechanically challenged than Traylor or Sapp, the Automotive Skills Center mechanic-for-hire, Darold Brooks, is available by the hour



PHOTO BY CAPT. JOHN ZABALA

UH-60 Black Hawk Aviation student Capt. Jason Traylor works on his 1973 Toyota Land Cruiser frame-off rebuild restoration project at the Fort Rucker Auto Skills Center. Traylor said he pays a \$240 monthly special project fee that includes access to two bays, a storage bin and access to all center amenities, except for the paint booth, which is offered separately. Traylor estimates he has saved thousands of dollars by using the Auto Skills Center.

Mondays-Fridays. Brooks also maintains all Directorate of Family, Morale, Welfare and Recreation fleet vehicles.

Barber encourages owners to stop by for a comprehensive vehicle inspection. "For \$40 we'll check all lights, turn signals, fluid levels, tire pressure, brakes and more," Barber said. "Over holiday periods such as Christmas, Thanksgiving, Labor Day and the Fourth of July, the inspections are offered for free."

When it comes to maintaining a vehicle's looks, the Automotive Skills Center has that covered with a state-of-the-art car wash, a shampoo and vacuum machine and even a fragrance spray option.

"No matter what your automotive needs, stop by the Auto Skills Center and let us help you," Barber said.

For more information or to set up an appointment, call 255-9725 or visit <http://ftrucker.mwr.com/AutoCraftShop>.

Automotive Skills Center

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Monday-Tuesday — Closed
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DALEVILLE

ONGOING — The Fort Rucker chapter of the Vietnam Helicopter Pilots Association meets the first Wednesday of each month at 7 p.m. Meetings are in the Daleville Veterans of Foreign Wars Post Ballroom.

SATURDAY — A 5k run and 1-mile walk is at 9 a.m. at Wildwood Campground to raise funds for the NephCure Foundation.

The NephCure Foundation helps research seeking the cause of focal segmental glomerulosclerosis, a kidney disease with no known cause or cure. Registration is \$20 for 5k runners and free for walkers.

For more information, contact Cristy Young at (808) 429-4197. \$\$\$

DOTHAN

FRIDAY — The annual “A Party for the Park” at Landmark Park, in the Stokes Activity Barn, beginning at 6:30 p.m.

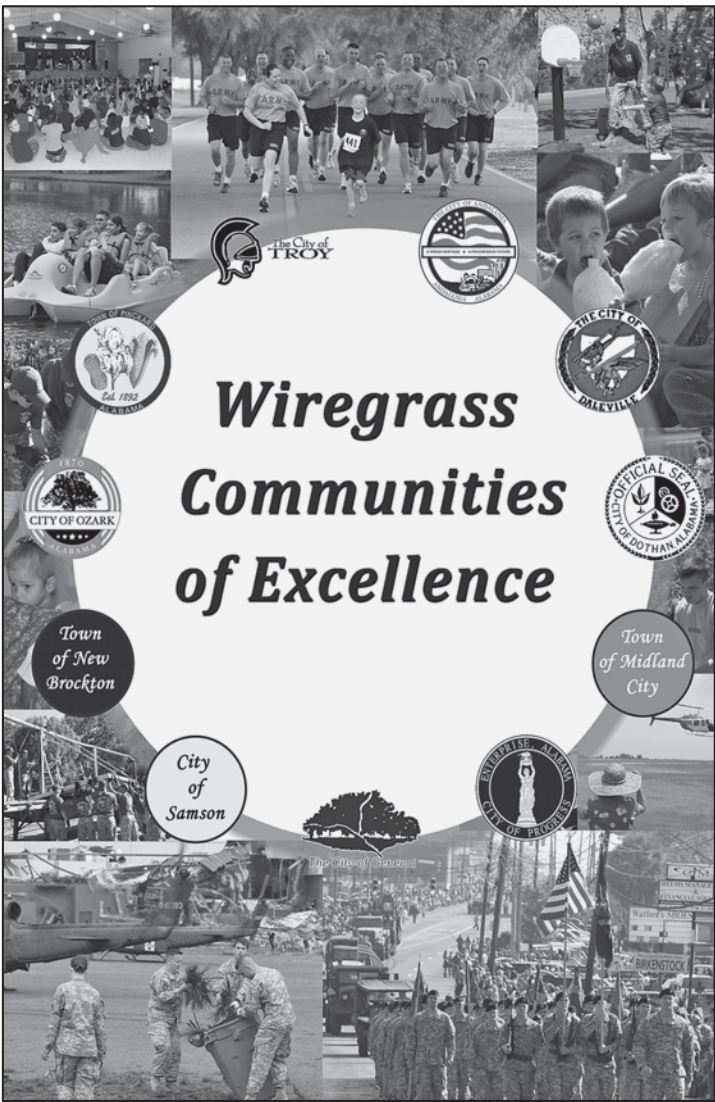
Proceeds from the event will benefit Landmark Park, a 135-acre historical and natural science park located on U.S. Highway 431 North.

Advance tickets are required and cost \$50 per person (\$40 for park members) or \$450 for a table of eight (\$400 for park members). Ticket price includes food, beverages and entertainment. Dress is casual and children are welcome. Call 794-3452 to make reservations.

Take out will be available for pre-order and can be picked up Feb. 11 between 5 and 6:30 p.m. Roasted pork is available for \$8 per pound and ribs can be purchased for \$20 per rack.

For more information, contact the park at 794-3452 or visit www.landmarkpark.com. \$\$\$

APRIL 8 AND 9 — Teams are needed for the sixth annual Tri-state Barbeque Festival at the Houston County Farm Center. Space is limited to the first 40 professional teams and 25 backyard teams who reg-



ister. For more information call 699-1475 or visit www.tristatebbq.com.

ENTERPRISE

TODAY — The Disabled American Veterans, Chapter 9 Enterprise-Coffee County, monthly membership meeting is 6:45 p.m. at the First Baptist Church Baptist Center on East Lee Street. Members are invited to dinner at 6 p.m. Cost for the dinner is \$5 per member. For more information, call 308-2408 or 475-4373. \$\$\$

MARCH 26 AND 27 — The Piney Woods Arts Festival is at Enterprise State Community College and free to the public. It features original artworks by local artists, much of which will be available for purchase.

There will be carnival games and face painting for children to enjoy, as well as a Civil War living history display. For more

information, call David Deal at 406-2787.

GENEVA

APRIL 29 THROUGH MAY 1 — Geneva's Festival on the Rivers is April 29 and 30 from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. and May 1 from 1 to 6 p.m. at Robert Fowler Park.

The event features worm fiddling, sculling contests, tug of war, coin scramble, arts and crafts, food vendors and live musical entertainment featuring country and gospel.

Tickets are \$8 for adults and \$4 for students kindergarten through 12th grade. For more information, call 684-8575 or visit www.genevariverfestival.com. \$\$\$

MIDLAND CITY

ONGOING — Residents are invited to Town Hall meetings the first Tuesday

of each month at 5:30 p.m. at Town Hall, 1385 Hinton Waters Ave.

For more information, call 983-3511.

NEW BROCKTON

ONGOING — Adult education classes are offered in Rm. 12 at New Brockton High School, 210 South Tyler St., Mondays and Wednesdays from 6 to 9 p.m.

All classes are free for individuals 16 years old or older who are not enrolled in public school.

Individuals must take an assessment test prior to attending class. Call 894-2350 for more information.

OZARK

APRIL 9 — Ozark's Crawdad and Music Festival is 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. on the square downtown.

This festival is held as a way to increase tourism and provide local residents with a fun and relaxed entertainment venue.

The festival's main features are crawdads, cold beverages and continuous live music as well as arts and crafts, children's activities and more.

For more information, call 774-2618 or visit www.ozarkalabama.us.

PINCKARD

ONGOING — The public is invited to the Cross Country Workshop every Sunday at 6 p.m. at the Pinckard United Methodist Church. For more information, call 983-3064.

SAMSON

ONGOING — American Legion Post 78 meets monthly on the second Tuesdays at 7 p.m.

TROY

APRIL 30 AND MAY 1 — TroyFest takes place in downtown Troy. The event is 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. April 30 and 1 to 5 p.m. May 1. It is free and open to the public and is the premier community arts festival for the Pike County region.

It features fine arts and crafts, a juried art show, antiques, farmers market, food court, merchants walk, children's art exhibit and kids' corner.

For more information, visit www.troyfest.com or call 566-2294.

\$\$\$ indicates a charge for the event

Beyond Briefs

CSI: The Experience

Crime Scene Investigation: The Experience is available until May 1 at the Main Exhibit Hall of the Huntsville Space Camp. Show times are 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. seven days a week and tickets are sold two hours before closing. Please allow 60-90 minutes for each CSI experience. The exhibit immerses guests in hands-on science while leading them through the challenge of solving a crime mystery. Ticket prices are \$15 for CSI and \$25 for CSI and the museum. For information, call (800) 63-SPACE or visit www.spacecamp.com/museum/csi/tickets.

Run and Ride For Your Heart

The Exceptional Outreach Organization and The Auburn Opelika Running and Track Association sponsor the Love Your Heart Run and Crank Your Heart Ride at Chewaqua State Park in Auburn Feb. 19 at 7 a.m. The fundraising benefits children and adults with special needs that participate in various athletic organizations. A pre-registration fee for the run is \$16 and \$20 for day-of-race registration and for the ride is \$20 pre-registration and \$25 for the day of the race. For more information, call 501-2940 or visit www.loveyourheartun.com.

Purse Party for Pets

A live purse auction and silent auction at the Green Island Country Club in Columbus, Ga., at 6501 Standing Boy Road is

Feb. 19 to benefit Columbus Hospice's Pet Peace of Mind Program. The program provides veterinarian services, grooming and pet food to Columbus Hospice patients who are unable to do so on their own. For more information, contact Terri Roberts at (706) 243-0044 or e-mail at t.roberts@columbushospice.com

'Hansel and Gretel'

Jean Pierce's adaptation of "Hansel and Gretel" is open until Feb. 25 at 9:30 and 11:30 a.m. at the Birmingham Children's Theatre. In this new adaptation, Hansel and Gretel are starving for sweets. Dad's a dentist, mom's a nutritionist and there's no candy in the kitchen cupboard. The youngsters find their way to Cupcake Castle where Miss Licorice urges them to dine exclusively on desserts. Life is sweet, until they discover the Gingerbread People who used to be real boys and girls. To escape the same fate, Hansel and Gretel must defeat Miss Licorice and the audience has the answer. Tickets are \$8 for children and \$10 for adults. For more information, call (205) 458-8181 or visit www.bct123.org.

Plant Winter Gardens

Bellingrath Gardens and Homes at 12401 Bellingrath Gardens Road, in Theodore, Ala., hosts Winter Wednesdays until Feb. 23 to teach people what plants and combinations work best for winter gardens for those along the Gulf Coast. Admission is \$12 for Bellingrath guests and includes entry into the Gardens for the day of the program. Members of the Friends of Bell-

ingrath are admitted free. To register for these classes or for more information, call (251) 973-2217 or visit www.bellingrath.org

Panama City Beach Mardi Gras

Panama City Beach Mardi Gras is a two-day festival and parade with the Krewe of Dominique Youx celebrating the season March 4 and 5. The festival takes place at Pier Park in Panama City, Fla. The event includes live bands, Cajun food, tours of a Panama C Mardis Gras float and much more. For more information, visit www.mardigrasatthebeach.com.

Winston Howell Road Race

The Hartford Civic Club sponsors the 33rd annual Winston Howell 10k Road Race, the third oldest 10k run in Alabama, March 12 at the Hartford National Guard Armory. Registration for the run is at 7:30 a.m. and the race begins at 9 a.m. Age groups range from the 14 and under, to the 70 and up group. The entry fee for the race is \$20 and all proceeds go to benefit the Hartford Boy Scout Troup 32. For more information, contact Cary Hatcher at (334) 588-2342 or (334) 944-7115 or Mike Kinman at (334) 684-9818 or (334) 588-2211, or visit www.winstonhowellroadrace.blogspot.com.

Yatta Abba Day

Abbeville residents gear up to celebrate Yatta Abba Day April 9 around the courthouse square. Yatta Abba is the Indian

name for Grove of Dogwoods and is what the city of Abbeville was named after. The festivities will begin at 9 a.m. and go until 9 p.m. that night. Some things the festival features are garden vendors, a classic car show and dog shows just to name a few.

For more information, contact the Abbeville Chamber of Commerce at (334) 585-2273 or visit www.abbevillecoc.com or www.cityofabbeville.org. Vendors may contact Jeff Skipper at (334) 334-3473 or e-mail at skippertrucking@yahoo.com.

Old Fashion Fish Fry

The 6th annual Old Fashion Destin Fish Fry Fundraiser is March 5, from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Destin History and Fishing Museum at 108 Stahlman Ave. Advanced tickets are \$10 and tickets bought the day of the event are \$12. The menu includes fried grouper, hush puppies, cole slaw, baked beans and a beverage. Proceeds go to benefit the Destin History and Fishing Museum. For more information, call (850) 837-6611.

Southern Desserts

The Jackson County Public Library in Marianna, Fla., sponsors the 3rd annual Southern Classic Desserts event Feb. 17 at the Jackson County Agriculture Conference Center at 2741 Pennsylvania Ave. The event begins at 5:30 with a silent auction and continues until 8 p.m. Tickets for the event are \$10 per person and can be purchased at the library for from a library board member. For more information, contact Wanda Biggs at (850) 482-9631.

Leisure Travel offers vacation deals

JEREMY WISE
Contributing Writer

With area schools' spring breaks approaching and summer just a few months away, people can find ideas for their next vacation at Leisure Travel Services.

Leisure Travel, a division of the Directorate of Family and Morale, Welfare and Recreation, offers discounted travel, hotel and event rates to places and events all around the world, said Kristen Hartwell, Leisure Travel program manager.

Anyone holding a military identification card can take advantage of these deals. Military ID holders also have the option to sponsor those who do not have one for most of the deals offered, Hartwell said.

Leisure Travel offices exist at each installation, and the staff specializes in local deals. At Fort Rucker, the lo-

cal clerks specialize in events in Tennessee and Georgia and cruises, Hartwell said.

In fact, the local organization placed in the top-two sellers of cruises in the entire military last year.

"We're so close to the ports. We have four ports within a six-hour drive," said Jen Bartlett, a Cruise Lines International Association-licensed travel agent. "It's very easy to fly to Miami and Fort Lauderdale."

Fort Rucker's location also allows easy planning for both western and eastern Caribbean cruises, she added.

Easy access to ports like Mobile, Jacksonville and Tampa Bay is not



the only reason for cruising. Bartlett said customers enjoy knowing how much their vacations will really cost since "about 85 percent of the vacation is paid up front."

"All the food (and) all the entertainment is included. The majority of the time, you don't pay for airfare because

it's included," she said. "The only other costs are tips (and) shore excursions."

Depending on the season, Bartlett has booked cruises for two for as little as \$600.

Even though the Fort Rucker branch of Leisure Travel sells quite a few cruises, they offer many other trips

and values. Walt Disney World offers four-day tickets with park-hopping ability for \$138 to Soldiers, active or retired, and their spouses.

Soldiers can also save up to 40 percent on rooms at Walt Disney World, as well. Unlike most of the contracted rates Leisure Travel obtains, limited availability exists with the Walt Disney World deal, Hartwell said.

Soldiers can also receive up to four free tickets at any SeaWorld or Busch Gardens park and Sesame Place in a "Here's to the Heroes" salute. Those interested can register online at www.herosalute.com or call Leisure Travel at 255-2997 or 255-9517.

Those are just a few of the deals community members find can through Leisure Travel. A complete list of updated negotiated rates, many of which save customers about 20 percent, can be found online at www.ftuckerkmwr.com, Hartwell said.

Nurse Corps celebrates 110th anniversary

BY ARMY NURSE CORPS
News Release

The Army Nurse Corps celebrated its 110th anniversary Feb. 2.

The theme for this anniversary celebration was "Touching Lives for 110 Years" and all were welcome to attend.

The Army Nurse Corps has a rich history, both men and women have served as Army nurses since 1775; however the Nurse Corps did not become part of the Army Medical Department until 1901 when the Army Reorganization Act was passed and became law.

In the early years, Army Nurses were assigned to hospitals in the United States and overseas. Following the 1906 earthquake in San Francisco, Army Nurses were at the forefront of a civil relief mission for the first time ever, working around-the-clock to provide care to thousands of earthquake victims.

The Army Nurse Corps grew — relying on a strong base of quality care delivery, a history of selfless service and touching lives of those entrusted to its care.

When the United States entered World War I in 1917, there were only 4,093 nurses on active duty. Patriotism, valor and the desire to serve resulted in the growth of the Army Nurse Corps.

By 1918, there were 21,460 Army nurses serving in base, evacuation and mobile surgical hospitals in the United States and all over the globe to include — France, Puerto Rico and the Philippines.

Army nurses also tended the sick and wounded on hospital trains in France and on transport ships that carried the wounded across the Atlantic Ocean. Army nurse engagement in ensuring the warriors made it home safely was the start of nurse's involvement in en-route care.

The Army Nurse Corps continued to grow after World War I and by 1945 there were 57,000 Army nurses on active duty. Military nurse innovation contributed to advancing nursing practice worldwide and continues to set the standard during times of peace and war.

In Europe, Army nurs-

es assisted in developing the concept of recovery wards for immediate postoperative nursing care. Shock, blood replacement and resuscitation were better understood and enroute care advanced to air evacuation from the combat zone on fixed wing aircraft.

Army nurses continued to lead the way in advancing nursing practice while caring for combat troops in Korea and Vietnam. Trauma care specialization, as well as shock and trauma units developed as the UH-1H helicopter ambulance transported patients from battle locations. This care included triage and resuscitative services for casualties.

Today, nearly 40,000 individuals represent the Triad of Army Nursing: active component, Army Reserve Component and National Guard officers, noncommissioned officers, enlisted and civilians.

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Simple steps can keep pets healthy

NATHAN PFAU
Contributing Writer

February is responsible pet owners' month and it's a great time for the pet owners of Fort Rucker to make sure they are doing everything they can to keep healthy pets, according to officials at the Fort Rucker Stray Facility.

There are many things pet owners can do to keep pets healthy, and help keep stray animals out of the animal shelter and off the streets of Fort Rucker, according to Capt. Tiffany Riddle, officer-in-charge of the Fort Rucker veterinary clinic.

Fort Rucker regulations govern owning a pet on post and exist for the safety of both animals and humans. Some regulations include: limiting the number of pets per household to three, requiring that all pets be immunized, having identification, and requiring that all pets be microchipped for tracking purposes, just to name a few.

Regulations, however, aren't the only things to follow when being a responsible pet owner.

"It is highly recommended to spay or neuter your pets because there are way too many unwanted animals," said Riddle.

This is perhaps the most important thing a pet owner can do for his or her pet. Spaying and neutering can prevent tumors and cancers such as uterine cancer in females and testicular cancer in males, according to Riddle. Spaying and neutering also helps keep strain off of the already limited animal shelter facility.

"We have to take animals that are brought in to the shelter, but we don't



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Katie Brewster, Fort Rucker Stray Facility animal health aid, holds one of the cats available for adoption at the Fort Rucker Stray Facility while talking about being a responsible pet owner.

always have room," said Katie Brewster, an animal health aide for the shelter facility. "The shelter can hold, at most, 11 cats and 11 dogs," she continued.

In the case an animal comes in when the shelter is full, the animal that has been in the facility the longest will be euthanized in order to make room for the new stray animal coming in.

The facility does offer adoptions for the animals

being brought in and people are encouraged to adopt since their space and resources are limited. Cost is \$81 to adopt, which includes microchipping, deworming and defleaing, up-to-date shots, and spaying or neutering for the animal. Spaying and neutering of the animal is mandatory for the adoption and is done by appointment after the animal has been adopted.

Before taking on an

adoption, Brewster said people should understand the responsibility of taking a pet into their homes.

"Owning an animal is more than just giving it food every day, you need to make sure you have the time to dedicate to it," She said.

Animals should have adequate shelter, regular check-ups, shown plenty of affection and given plenty of exercise.

"Dogs should be walked

at least twice a day," said Brewster. "It doesn't have to be a long walk, just five or 10 minutes at a time."

Another way to keep pets healthy is to make

sure they are fed a well-balanced diet.

Riddle said people should not feed pets table food because it can lead to pancreatitis, which is brought on by fatty foods. An animal's nutritional needs are not the same as a human's, therefore, table food does not benefit them like pet food does.

"Overfeeding is just as bad as malnourishment," Riddle said. "Just as one would a child, monitor your pets' intake of food."

Taking care of one's pet also includes regular veterinarian visits.

"You should bring in your animal to the vet clinic at least once a year," said Riddle, "just like we do, they have to come in for a check-up."

She said that although many of the vaccines are switching to three-year vaccines, there are still issues that can "pop up" in between vaccinations.

Pet owners should also take care to make sure their pets are always on a leash, according to regulation. Not only does this control the pet, but can also help prevent the spread of disease by keeping pets from roaming and coming in contact with wild animals, said Riddle.

The responsibility of being a pet owner is almost like that of having a child, but once one makes the commitment, the rewards are worth the work that is put in, according to Brewster.

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Outdoor Recreation staff hosts an All Terrain Vehicle Trail Ride Saturday from 7 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Outdoor Recreation. Pre-registration is required. Open to all ages 16 and over. Patrons must provide their own ATV and protective gear (helmet, boots, etc.). Protective gear must be worn at all times. For more information call 255-4305.

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The Enterprise Semi-Pro Baseball league staff hosts tryouts Saturday at Peavy Park beginning at 1 p.m. For more information, call 347-4275.

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Youth bowling registration is open until Feb. 28 for children ages 6-18. Current sports physical and a valid Child, Youth and School Services registration are required for participation. Cost is \$25 with each additional child discounted. Coaches are needed for all age groups. For more information, call 255-9105 or 255-9638.

SURVIVAL SWIMMERS

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597th grounds 23rd FTS

BY RUSSELL SELLERS
Army Flier Staff Writer

The U.S. Air Force 23rd Flying Training Squadron's return to intramural basketball could be wrapped up in one word: disappointing.

Not disappointing because the team is incapable of keeping up with the competition, but because it didn't maintain enough stamina to pull out a win against the 597th Maintenance Company Monday.

After a year-long absence from the league, the 23rd FTS looked like it might be a little rusty after one half of play. However, the final score, 66-55, did not reflect how close the game really was.

The 23rd FTS kept the 597th on its toes for the entire first half, trading score for score.

Defensively, the FTS couldn't have asked for a better showing in the first 12 minutes. The rebounding skills of players like Jeff Dennis and Sam Gipson helped to keep the team moving forward to a 31-27 lead.

However, the 597th answered with some rebounding of its own and, especially in the second half, shut down any hopes of an FTS victory.

Eric Ruffin and Mike Sheldon of the 597th both had strong showings in the scoring department.

Sheldon showed off some high-flying moves most on the FTS squad and in the crowd didn't expect.

While the offensive surge of the 597th in the second half helped take the lead, it was the defensive play that kept it.

Doug Crawford, Carlton Marshall and Chris



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Gray of the 597th each pulled in key rebounds to keep the FTS from regaining momentum in the second half.

Gipson, FTS coach, said his team fought hard through the entire game, but it wasn't enough to keep the lead after the half.

"We didn't really play our game, we got too far away from defense," he said. "We gave them a lot

of open shots and second shots, which hurt us."

Gipson said the team plans to get back to defense in upcoming practices and that he has a lot of respect for the 597th.

"They really played a great game," he said. "I have to give a lot of credit to their playing. We're going to work on our guard play. We've got to get back on defense."

Crawford, 597th coach, said he was pleased with the way his team performed, but there's still work to be done.

"We worked hard and played hard as a team," he said. "After the half, I pulled the team to the side and told them to settle down and that this was a team we could beat. I told them to make better passes and smarter shots."

He said the team plans to keep a similar strategy going forward and doesn't feel worried about his team's chances going forward.

"You worry in a time of storm," he said. "We are going to play aggressive, but make smarter decisions on offense and defense. Whatever happens, we've got a good team and we're ready to play."



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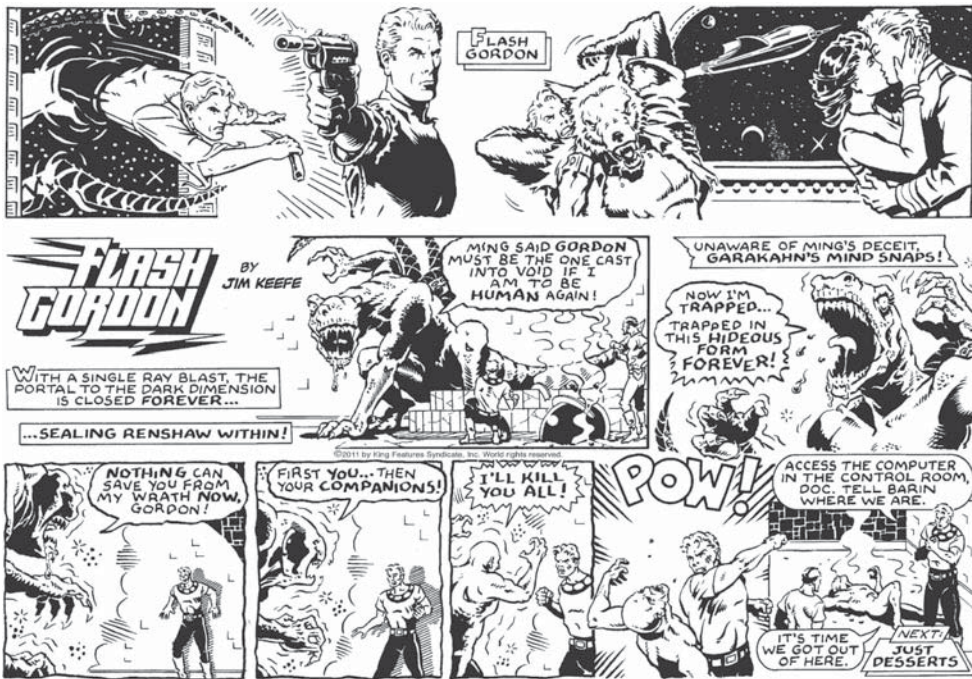


Keeping up with history

Above: Participants in the annual Black History 5K get a running start Saturday at the Fort Rucker Physical Fitness Facility.

Left: Capt. David Aamidor, A Co., 1st Bn., 145th Avn. Regt. Aviation Captains Career Course student, crosses the finish line during the annual Black History 5K at the Fort Rucker Physical Fitness Facility Saturday. Aamidor finished first with a time of 17 minutes, 50 seconds.

Down Time



Trivia test by Fifi Rodriguez

TRIVIA

1. GENERAL KNOWLEDGE: Where did Charles Lindbergh start his famous solo flight across the Atlantic Ocean?
2. LANGUAGE: How many letters are in the English alphabet?
3. HISTORY: When did Armistice Day become Veterans Day?
4. TELEVISION: For which city's police department did Chief Robert Ironside work?
5. PHILOSOPHY: Which philosopher was imprisoned for his pacifism in 1918?
6. MYTHOLOGY: What was the name of Pecos Bill's horse?
7. MOVIES: What were the first names of the movie star Gish sisters?
8. BIBLE: In the Old Testament, where did Jacob's Ladder lead?
9. MUSIC: Who wrote the opera "Der Ring des Nibelungen"?
10. ETIQUETTE: What type of gift is traditional for a 20th wedding anniversary?

See Page D3 for this week's answers.

Super Crossword AROMANCE

- ACROSS**
- 1 Tower town
 - 5 Ditch
 - 9 Married Mile
 - 12 "Life" ('66 hit)
 - 17 Acted like grandma
 - 18 Sills solo
 - 19 Tam material
 - 20 Sit in on a class
 - 21 Actor Alex
 - 22 "Aida" river
 - 23 "Meter" leader
 - 24 Actress Rivera
 - 25 Throb
 - 26 Loser to DDE
 - 27 Author Christie
 - 29 Stirrup site
 - 30 Riddle: Part 1
 - 36 Gridiron position
 - 37 Z — zebra
 - 38 Present for pop
 - 39 Dutch export
 - 42 Ms. Silkwood
 - 44 Wine variety
 - 50 Sought office
 - 51 Famed caravel
- DOWN**
- 2 Om, for instance
 - 53 Actress Joanne
 - 54 ABA member
 - 55 Skater Hughes
 - 56 Come out of one's shell
 - 57 Dutch export
 - 58 Sharif role
 - 60 22 Across
 - 61 Internet acronym
 - 62 Riddle: Part 2
 - 68 Permit
 - 69 Grows light
 - 70 Studio
 - 73 Word with camp or tree
 - 76 "Rolling Stone" ('65 hit)
 - 77 Groundwork
 - 79 Before, to Byron
 - 80 Mackie or Marley
 - 81 Wobble
 - 83 Add a lane
 - 84 It may be white
 - 85 Titmouse
 - 87 Emulate
 - 88 — Castro
 - 89 "vous plait"
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- 8 — kwon do
 - 9 Drilling site?
 - 10 Club creed
 - 11 Yale or Root
 - 12 Tic — -toe
 - 13 "What?"
 - 14 "Farewell, Francois!"
 - 15 Big guy
 - 16 Austere
 - 17 Close the curtains
 - 19 Cart
 - 26 Postfix
 - 27 Exiled dictator
 - 28 Mary of "Doddsworth"
 - 31 Claire or Balin
 - 32 Big revolver?
 - 33 Lost
 - 34 "The Ramayana" heroine
 - 35 Barbie's boyfriend
 - 39 Austrian city
 - 40 Solemn statement
 - 41 "Wait — Dark" ('67 film)
 - 42 Ballet company
 - 43 Santa —, CA
 - 44 Smith or Page
 - 45 Like Machu Picchu
- DOWN**
- 46 Utmost
 - 47 Bizarre
 - 48 Nest egg
 - 49 Zombie base
 - 51 Debra of "Love Me Tender"
 - 52 Fountain treats
 - 55 Use coupons
 - 56 Shampoo ingredient
 - 57 Middle Eastern airline
 - 59 Electrical measure
 - 60 Librarian Melvil
 - 61 "The Addams Family" actor
 - 62 Pindaric poetry
 - 64 Stop on
 - 65 Delibes opera
 - 66 Blackboard support
 - 67 Cry uncle
 - 71 Cleveland's lake
 - 72 Stagger
 - 73 English channel?
 - 74 Fireworks reaction
 - 75 Kimono cummerbund
- DOWN**
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 - 77 Senator from Delaware
 - 78 Humorist George
 - 81 Stowe gear
 - 82 Bisect
 - 83 Sporting Civil War initials
 - 87 Pixie and Dixie
 - 88 Charge
 - 89 Vile
 - 91 Road curves
 - 92 Luxury car
 - 93 Veronica of "Hill Street Blues"
 - 94 Maestro Leinsdorf
 - 95 Novelist Cather
 - 96 St. — fire
 - 97 Savanna sounds
 - 98 Startled cry
 - 99 Vestige
 - 100 Dubuque denizen
 - 101 Game fish
 - 102 Intense
 - 103 Behind schedule
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 - 110 Homeric character
 - 112 — -Magnon
 - 113 Back talk
 - 114 Sternward

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by Linda Thistle

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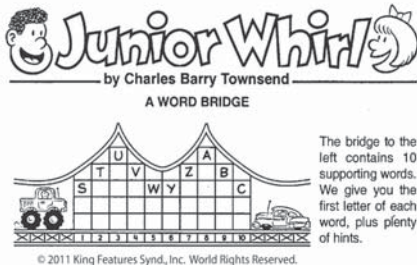
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Kid's Corner



GRIDIRON CORNER

Lombardi Trophy returns home

BY JIM HUGHES

Command Information Officer

The Green Bay Packers downed the Pittsburgh Steelers in Super Bowl XLV for the team's 13th NFL championship — reigning supreme in the league for the first time in 14 years.

Above and beyond earning its fourth Lombardi Trophy, the Green Bay Packers created a near-perfect microcosm of its entire 2010 season in one semi-neat, three-hour package.

OK, five or six hour package if you count the never-ending saga that was the halftime show. Good grief, Slash — why did you allow yourself to be associated with that? And what about the public slaughter of the National Anthem? And, in the immortal words of Ozzy, “what’s a Bieber?”

Oh wait — this isn’t TMZ. Sorry.

About the Packers: the Packers started off great, then lost key players to injury, struggled a bit, overcame the adversity and did what it took to win. That “Packers for Dummies” version works for explaining the Super Bowl win and even the entire season.

Packers quarterback

Aaron Rodgers earned Most Valuable Player honors, and justifiably so. He had a great game — could’ve been one of the greatest ever if his receivers hadn’t dropped six passes — against a top defense that tends to make really good QBs look below average.

The Packers, as predicted, spread the field and forgot about the running game altogether. Not as predicted, the Steelers defense, especially the cornerbacks, looked overmatched for most of the game.

The Packers defense looked solid most of the night despite losing in the first half one of its driving forces and playmakers — Charles Woodson. However, the defense still gave up 25 points on a night when Ben Roethlisberger was off his game.

Troy Polamalu’s not being a factor raises the question of just how much that Achilles injury was still bothering him. The hair was there, but didn’t get much air time. He definitely wasn’t his ball-hawking, chaos-creating self, and that made Rodgers’ job that much easier.

On the other side, the media blame game



put Ben Roethlisberger squarely in its sights. While Big Ben had a mediocre night when mediocrity just doesn’t cut it, he shouldn’t shoulder all the blame.

He threw two picks. The first, and most painful, really wasn’t all his fault — a Packers defender hit his arm and caused a wounded-duck-like ball that was easily picked off and ran in for a touchdown. The second was his fault. And he was off target much of the night.

That said, the Steel-

ers were still in it at the end and had the opportunity to drive 87 yards in two minutes for the win. Then the offense went four-and-out in a most unspectacular way. This game was a ding to Big Ben’s reputation as a clutch performer, but he wasn’t the only reason the Steelers lost.

The Steelers need to look at its stellar linebacker corps, and most definitely at the defensive backfield. The linebackers had next to no effect on the Packers offense, and the defensive

backfield was torched by Rodgers and Packers receivers. Without the pressure put on by the linebackers and Polamalu doing his thing, that secondary starts to look very average.

The Packers had an incredible year and it’s always nice to see the little guys (or little city, at least) take home the trophy — especially since it’s named after the franchise’s legendary coach. Looking at both of these teams, it looks like this could be a future matchup in the big game again.

People will be down on Roethlisberger, but he was gracious in defeat, and he’s been on his best behavior. If he can continue that, be a good teammate and a good person, I can see him leading the Steelers back to the promised land.

As for the Packers and the Cheeseheads, they waited 30 years between the glory days of Bart Starr and the title behind Brett Favre. They cut that wait time in half between the Favre team that won and the Rodgers-led champions. It might not be that long of a wait until another title is won.

Remember all those

injuries the Packers had? Well, those guys come back next year — including a quality running back and arguably the NFL’s best tight end. And free agency doesn’t look like it will have a huge negative effect on the Packers.

That said, in the past 10 years, the NFC has sent 10 different teams to the Super Bowl. Repeating isn’t easy, but this is a resilient team and I’d say a good bet to overcome the challenges and adversity in 2011.

That is, if there is a 2011 season.

I’m no Jets fan, but I agree with the sentiment, if not the colorful and repetitive word choice, of Antonio Cromartie when asked about the possible lockout of players. In effect, he said the players want to play football and the fans want their football. Both sides need to lock themselves in a room and just get it settled.

The NFL has a great thing going — it’s never been more popular or more profitable. Fans don’t care about millionaires arguing with billionnaires, with both claiming faux poverty. We pay the ridiculous prices you ask us to — just work it out and play the game.

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Answer

6	2	7	9	5	4	8	1	3
4	8	5	1	2	3	9	7	6
9	1	3	6	8	7	2	4	5
8	3	6	7	4	5	1	9	2
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7	5	4	8	3	9	6	2	1
2	6	8	5	7	1	4	3	9
3	9	1	4	6	2	5	8	7

PUZZLE ANSWERS

Super Crossword

Answers

P	I	S	A	J	I	L	T	M	M	E	T	H	A	T	S	
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TRIVIA

Answers

- Long Island, N.Y.
- 26
- 1954
- San Francisco
- Bertrand Russell
- Widow-Maker
- Dorothy and Lillian
- To heaven
- Richard Wagner
- China

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TAOIST TAI CHI SOCIETY

The Enterprise YMCA staff hosts two beginner's classes in the Taoist Tai Chi Society arts of health. Classes are offered Thursdays, 1 to 2:30 p.m. and Saturdays, 10 to 11:30 a.m. The beginner's class covers all 108 moves of the Tai Chi set. Taoist Tai Chi is an ancient Chinese exercise that promotes health and relaxation. It is suitable for all ages and physical conditions. Comfortable, loose clothing and flat-soled shoes are recommended attire. All classes are taught by accredited volunteer instructors. For more information, call 334-348-9008 or 334 347-4663.

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ARCHERY SHOOTS

Fort Rucker Archery Club members conduct weekly shoots at the club's range, located off Whittaker Road. Shoots begin Thursdays at 4 p.m., and members take aim at a 20- to 60-yard practice range, 28 3-D targets along a walking trail or a 10-target area. Annual membership costs \$20. For more information, call 389-6135.

RIDING STABLES RULES

Riding Stables staff reminds community members that letting horses out of their stalls can be dangerous to the horses and motorists. Visitors are also reminded to stay on the main roadways, do not approach any of the horses without owners' permission, stay out of the pastures and obey the speed limit of 10 mph at all times. For more information, call 598-3384.

SKIES ACTIVITIES

Dance: The School of Knowledge, Inspiration, Exploration and Skills Unlimited program offers children dance classes in ballet, hip hop, technique and stretch. Times and prices vary. For more information, call 255-1867.

Gymnastics: SKIES offers gymnastics lessons for boys and girls ages 18 months to 16 years old. Class times and prices vary. For more information, call 255-1867.

Tennis: SKIES offers tennis lessons for children, ages 8-16, Wednesdays from 3:30 to 5:30 p.m. For more information, call 255-1867.

SKATE NIGHT

Skating is offered Fridays at the Child, Youth and School Services building. Hours are 6:15 to 7:15 p.m. for children age 10 and under and from 7:30 to 10:30 p.m. for children of all ages. Cost is \$2 for the first session and \$5 for the second session. For more information, call 255-9108.

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COURTESY GAMEPLAY SCREENSHOT

TDU2 adds new realism to driving simulation

BY JIM VAN SLYKE
Contributing Writer

At first glance, Test Drive Unlimited 2 seems like just another fancy racing simulator with exotic cars.

And, for the most part, that's what it is. It does take things a bit further online, as gamers are able to amass wealth, buy expensive cars and build grandiose homes. The lavish lifestyle is as much a part of the game as trying to win races, but that's not really such a good thing.

Gamers spend most of their time racing around the Mediterranean island of Ibiza. The island was created realistically using satellite imagery to find

every nook and cranny. When gamers aren't revving their engines they can visit other houses, clubs and dealerships. It's even possible to jump into competitors' cars for a look-see, although that can have its consequences.

On the plus side, the single-player mode and multiplayer online options are blended well. The challenges usually transfer from one to another and the luxurious lifestyle is a part of both worlds. There are plenty of race types, vehicle classes, environmental challenges and locations to explore. The customization is particularly impressive and it's rare to

see two vehicles — online or off — that appear to be alike.

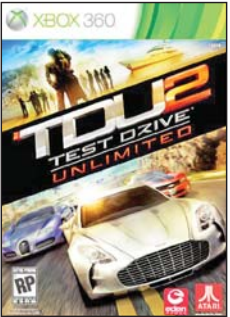
The actual driving is decent, but it's quickly apparent that the focus of this game was placed a bit too much on the life-

style of the rich and famous. The escapism allure is plenty obvious, but it wears thin very quickly.

"Test Drive Unlimited 2" is a decent enough game with better-than-average driving options. It would

have been better if the designers focused more on creating challenging races and less on building expensive homes, but it is what it is.

Reviewed on the Xbox 360



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Systems
Multiple
Cost
\$40-\$60
Overall
2.5 out of 4

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